PANT
PANT
GAGH
!
GUUA
AGH!
NOT GOOD... MY AIM WAS OFF!

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CHAPTER 1:
THE FIRST BLOOD-STAINED VICTORY

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PLEASE, BUY ME SOME TIME...
THANKS, GIN!
GRR RR!
GRR RR!

IT'S OVER THERE!
SHIT ..!!
WH... WHERE'S THE BOW?!
UGH ..!
GRR!

GRR
RR!

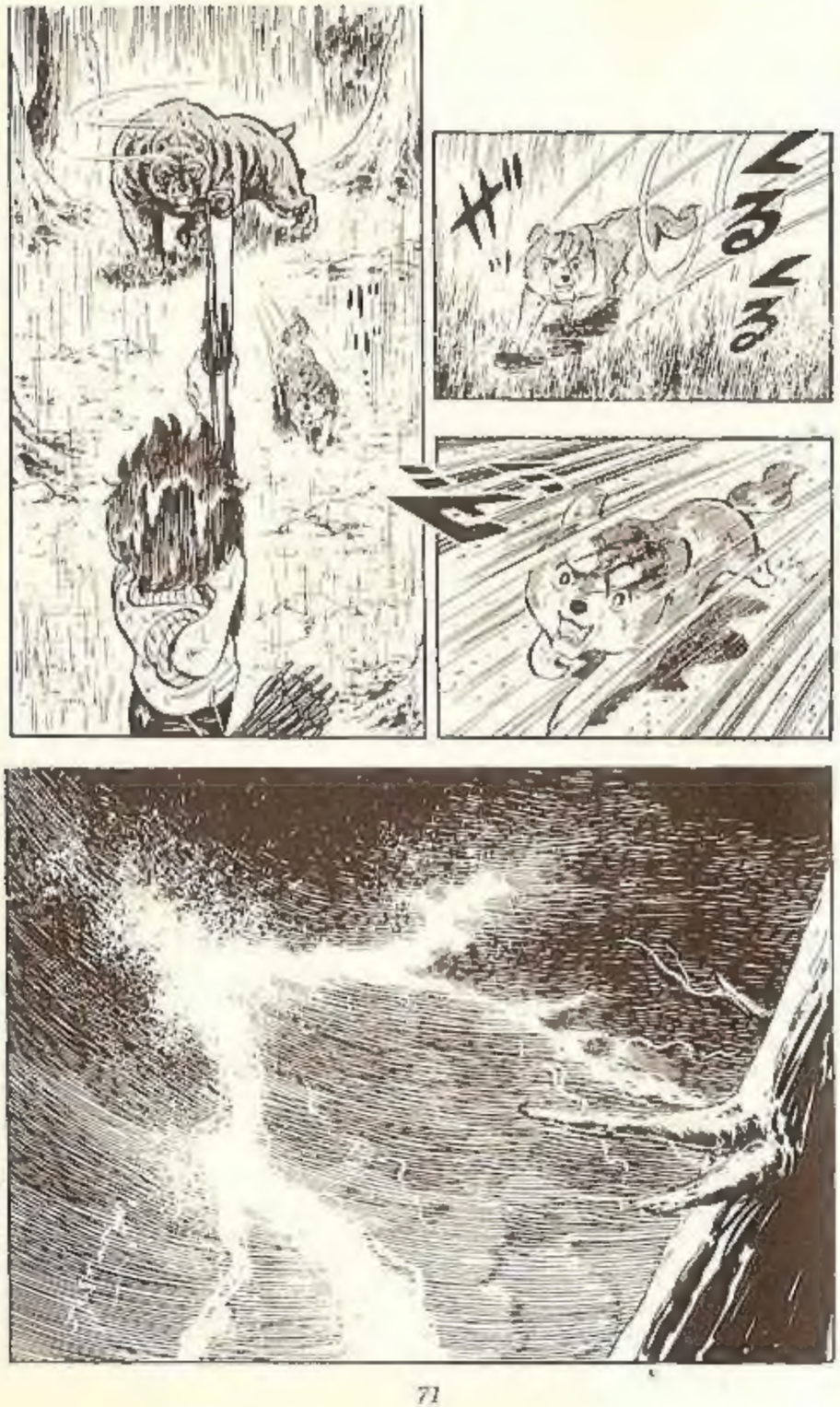
!?

THE INSTANT AFTER THE ATTACK, JOHN WOULD AGAIN CONCEAL HIMSELF.

HOWEVER ...
IT WAS A FIERCE ATTACK.
JUST AS THE BEAR THOUGHT HE'D DISAPPEARED, HE'D APPEAR IN FRONT OF IT ONCE AGAIN.

IT WAS LIKE AN OPTICAL ILLUSION THAT MADE HIM THINK THAT HE WAS SURROUNDED BY DOGS.
TO THE BEAR, IT SEEMED LIKE NUMEROUS DOGS HAD ENCIRCLED HIM.
ALL HE HAD TO DO NOW WAS TO WAIT FOR HIDETOSHI'S RIFLE.
NO ANIMAL AROUND COULD WITHSTAND JOHN'S ATTACK PLAN TO RENDER THEM HELPLESS.
THIS KEPT THE BEAR AT BAY, AND WAS JOHN'S GOAL.
UNWILLINGLY, THE BEAR STOOD UP AND ASSUMED A FIGHTING STANCE.

GET AWAY!
GIN, THAT'S ENOUGH!



ROAR
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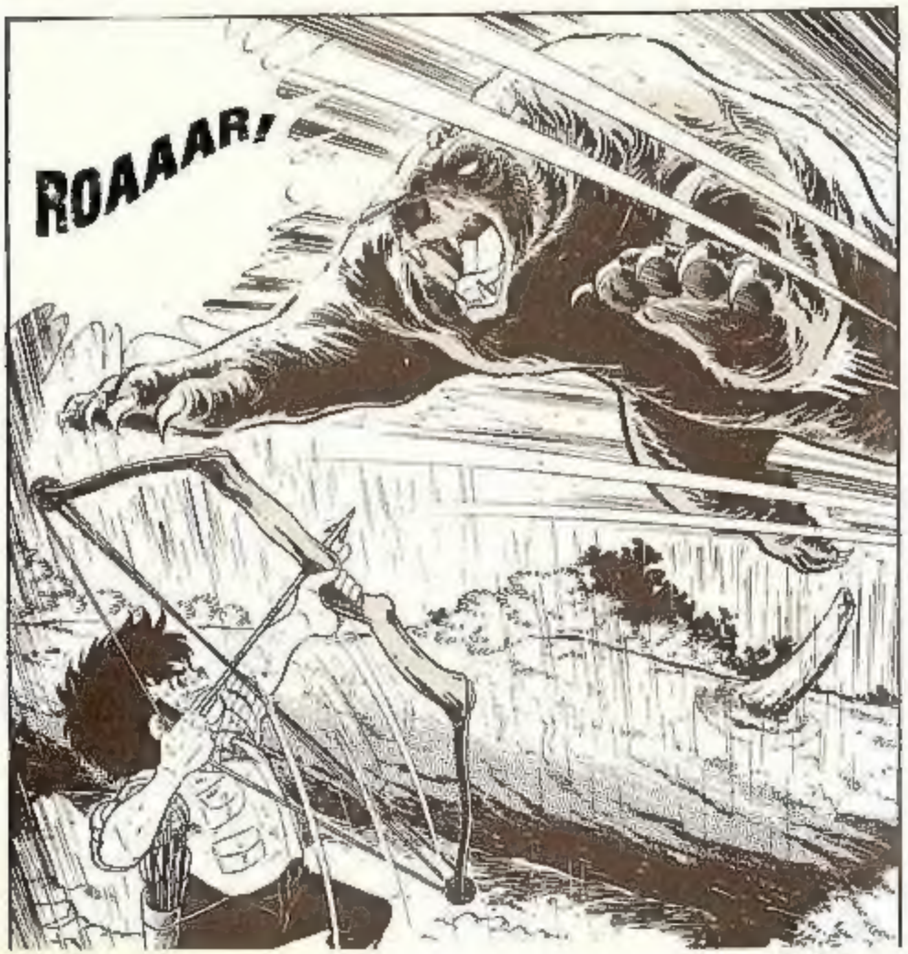
GRR
RR!
GRR
RR...

UNTIL WE'VE GOT OUR REVENGE ON AKA-KABUTO!
I CAN'T BE KILLED BY SOMETHING LIKE YOU...

THEIR POWERS COMBINED, THEY FELT SEVERAL TIMES STRONGER.
AND NOW, THEY ACTED AS ONE BEING.


ROAAAR!

BUT, DAISUKE AND GIN STOOD AS ONE BEING.
THE BEAR HESITATED AFTER THE LIGHTNING STRUCK...

NOW, DAISUKE AND GIN STOOD TOGETHER AGAINST THE BEAR. THE TWO OF THEM FACED THE POWER OF THEIR OPPOSITION.
THIS WAS THE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL PROOF THAT THEY WERE PARTNERS.

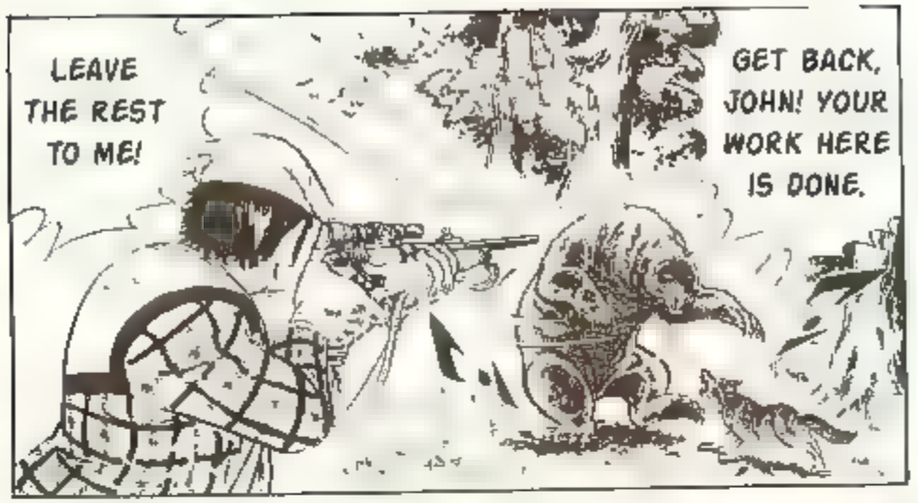
THE SAME INTEN-TIONS...
THEY HAD A MUTUAL WILL...

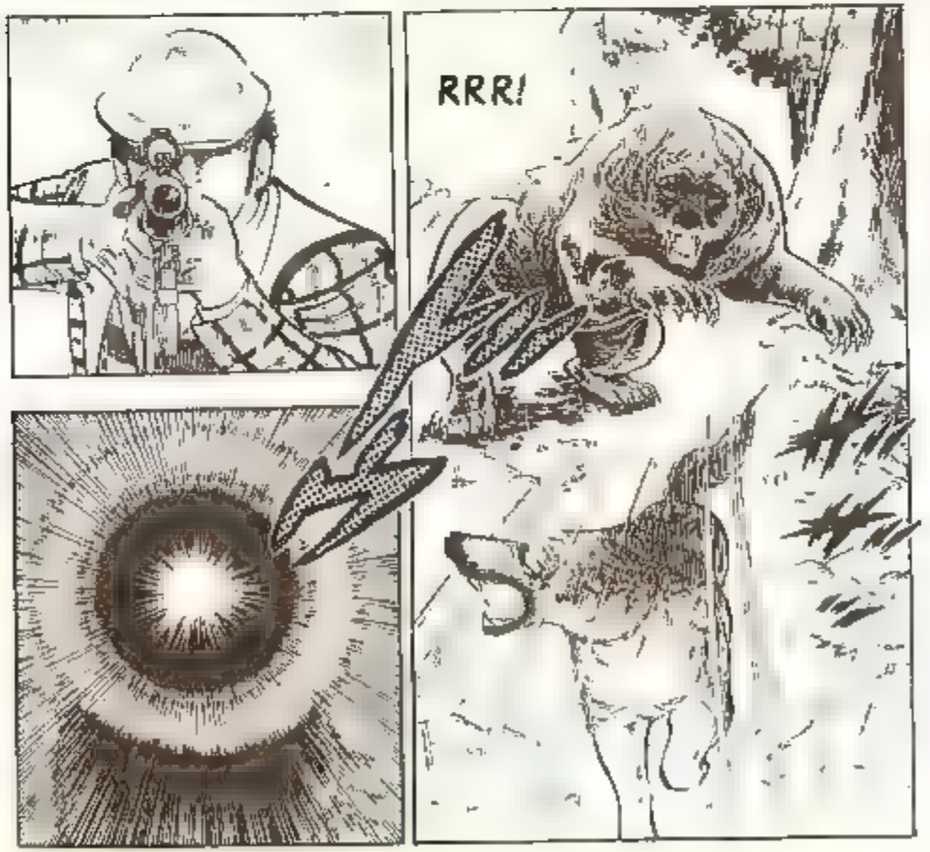
HAAAH
!
UAGH!

GRRAAH!
GRRR
...

IT WAS SPRING, AND IT WAS STILL THUNDERING LOUDLY IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY.
MOTHER NATURE HAD GIVEN THE 11-YEAR-OLD AND THE ONE-YEAR-OLD THEIR FIRST VICTORY.

HA ...!
WHINE
WHAT HORRIBLE WOUNDS ...!
GIN... ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
YOU GOT WOUNDED BECAUSE OF ME...
I'M SORRY... THIS IS BECAUSE I DIDN'T ACT WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE...
YOU'LL BECOME EVEN STRON- GER THAN RIKI WAS!
BUT, YOU REALLY ARE STRONG, GIN!
GIN... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
?!
RRR ...!


LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
GET BACK, JOHN! YOUR WORK HERE IS DONE.


RRR!

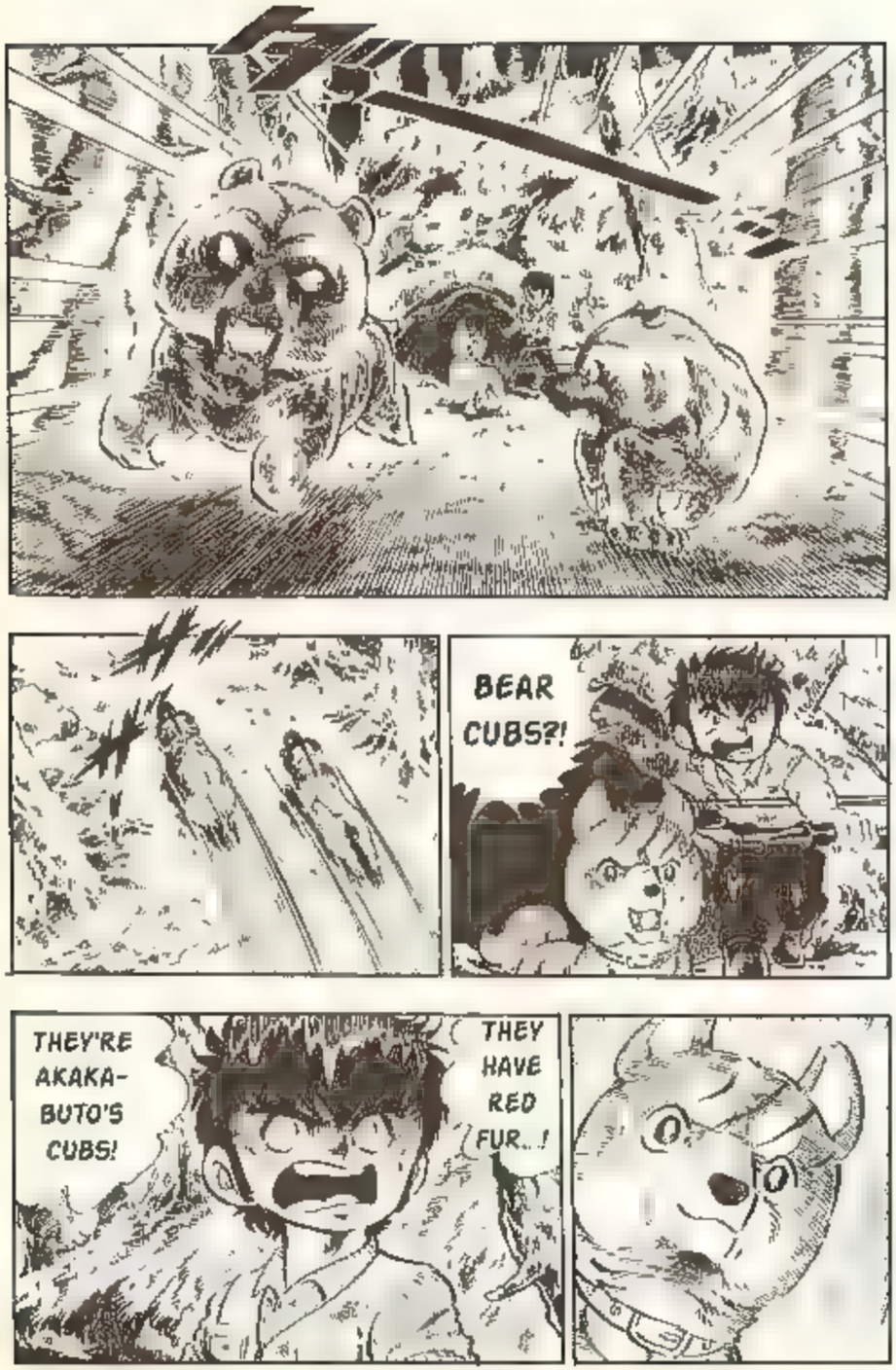
THE BEAR WAS EASILY KEPT AT BAY BY HIS TRICKERY.
RRRR!
JOHN'S ATTACK OF CONFINE-MENT WAS A SPLENDID ONE.

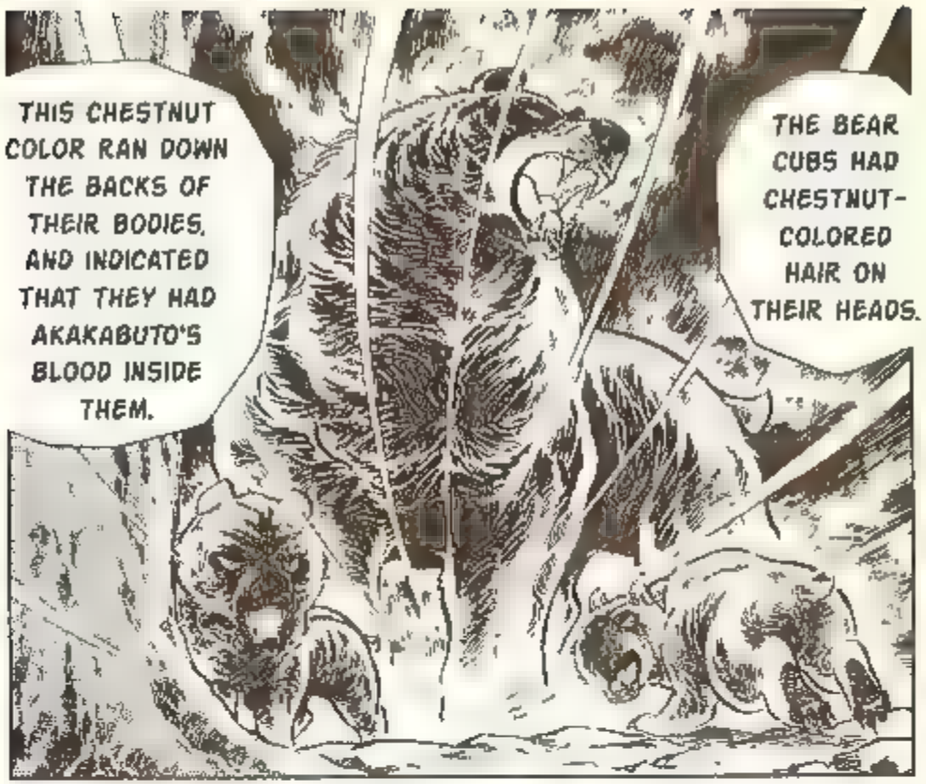
HE DIDN'T ATTACK RECKLESSLY. HE CALCULATED HIS MOVEMENTS AND USED THEM IN THE SAFEST WAY POSSIBLE.
JOHN WAS DIFFERENT. HE WAS WAITING FOR THE PHYSICAL ATTACK POWER TO COME HIS WAY.
BUT, THE PHYSICAL ATTACK POWER BETWEEN THE TWO FIGHTS DIFFERED GREATLY.
GIN'S ATTACK WAS A DESPERATE EFFORT TO TIRE THE BEAR.

EVEN AFTER BEING SHOT FATALLY, A BEAR IS STILL NOT SAFE TO GET CLOSE TO.
AFTER KILLING A BEAR, THE GOLDEN RULE IS TO STILL BE WARY AND MAKE SURE IT'S DEAD.
JOHN AND HIDETOSHI HAD A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. IT ENSURED THEIR SAFETY WHILE THEY WERE OUT HUNTING.
IT'S NECESSARY TO WAIT, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AGONIZED ROAR OF DEATH HAS STOPPED.

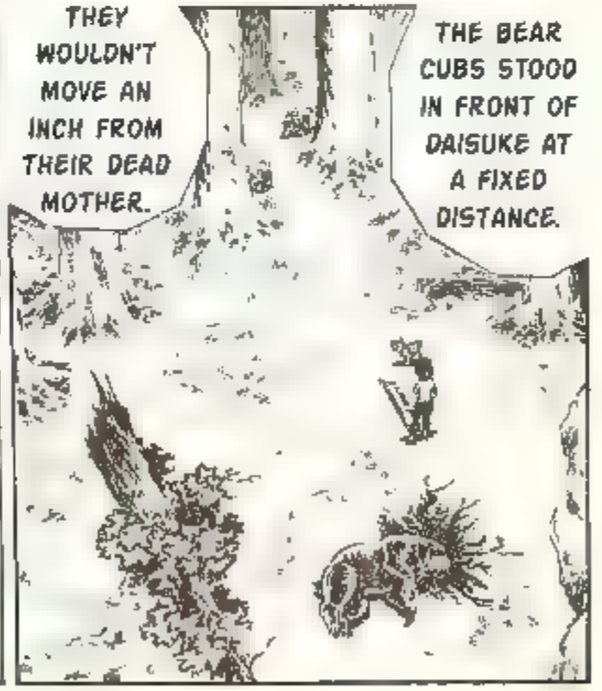
HE DID IT!

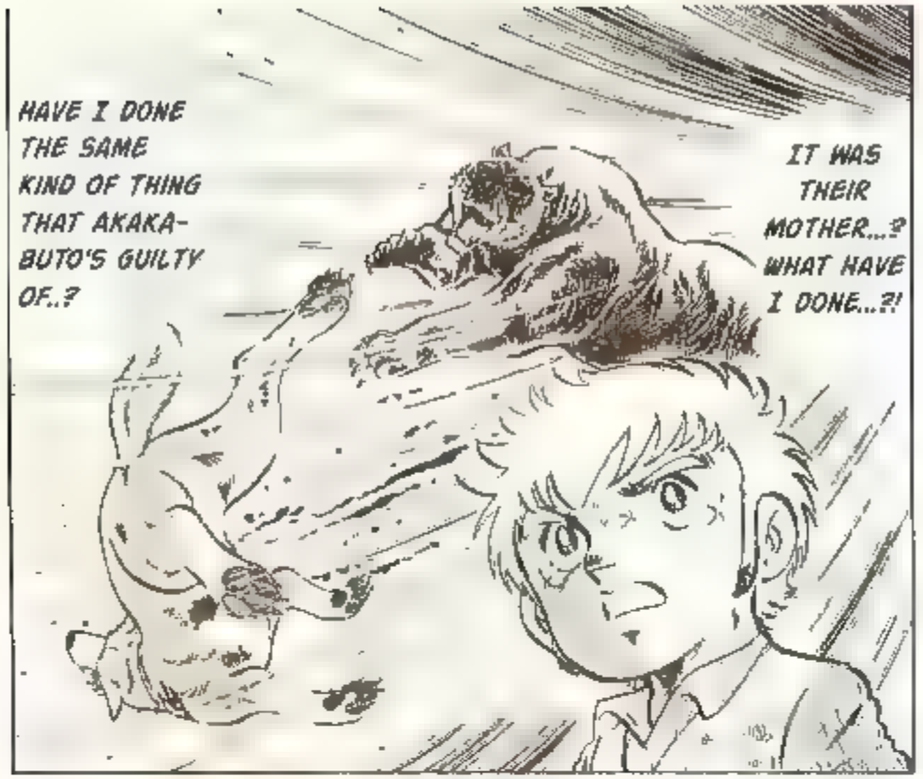
WHAT?! MORE OF THEM?
AAH!
GRR!

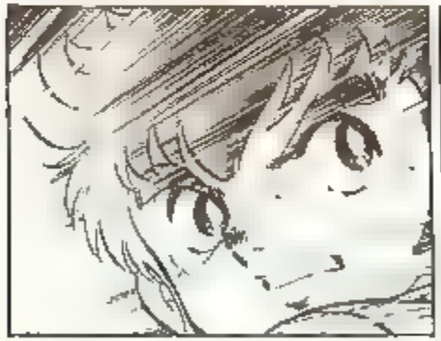

BEAR CUBS?!
THEY'RE AKAKA-BUTO'S CUBS!
THEY HAVE RED FUR..!

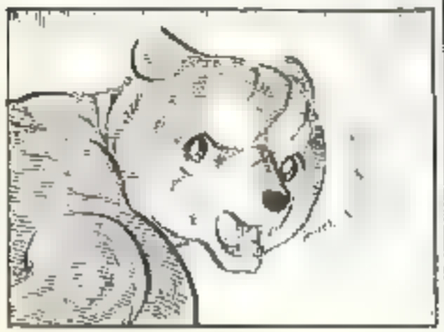

THIS CHESTNUT COLOR RAN DOWN THE BACKS OF THEIR BODIES, AND INDICATED THAT THEY HAD AKAKABUTO'S BLOOD INSIDE THEM.
THE BEAR CUBS HAD CHESTNUT-COLORED HAIR ON THEIR HEADS.

WHINE

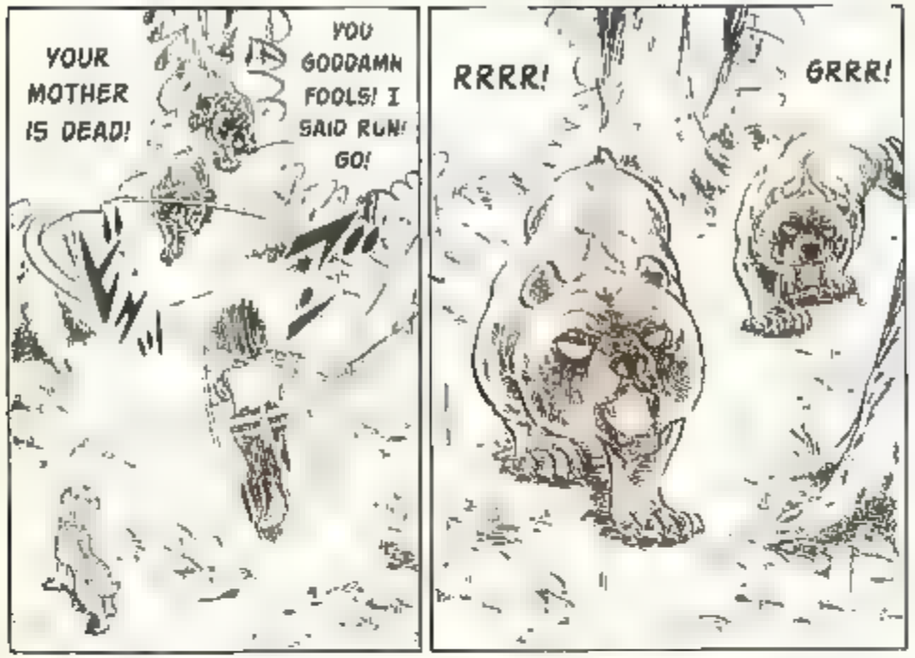

THEY WOULDN'T MOVE AN INCH FROM THEIR DEAD MOTHER.
THE BEAR CUBS STOOD IN FRONT OF DAISUKE AT A FIXED DISTANCE.

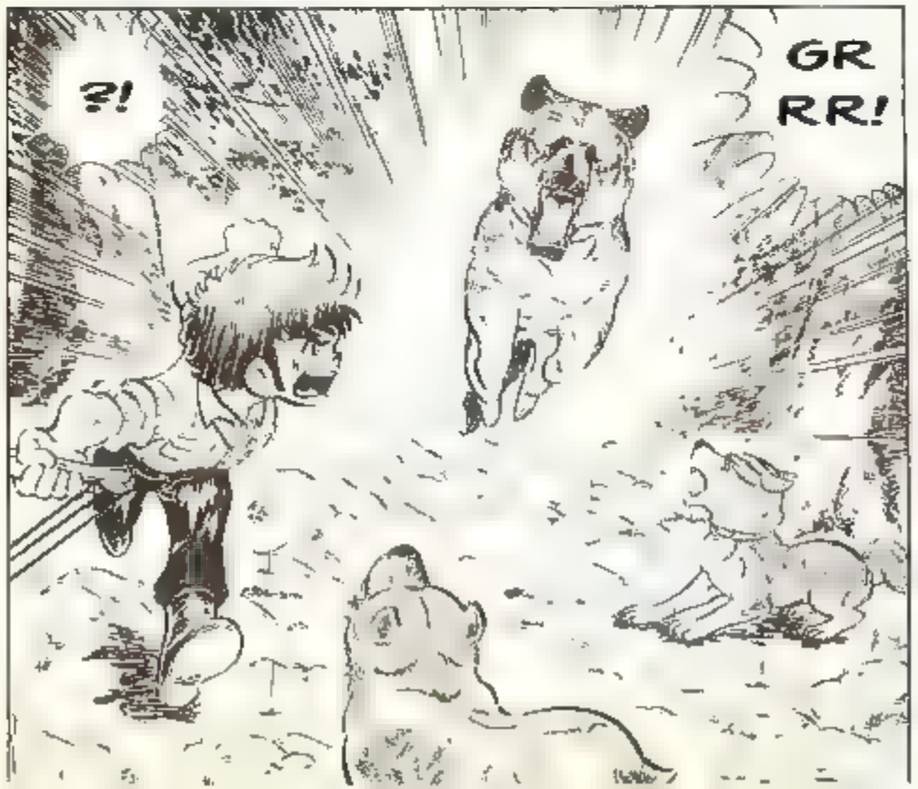

HAVE I DONE THE SAME KIND OF THING THAT AKAKA-BUTO'S GUILTY OF..?
IT WAS THEIR MOTHER...? WHAT HAVE I DONE...?!





ARF! ARF!
WOOF! WOOF!


YOUR MOTHER IS DEAD!
YOU GODDAMN FOOLS! I SAID RUN! GO!
RRRR!
GRRR!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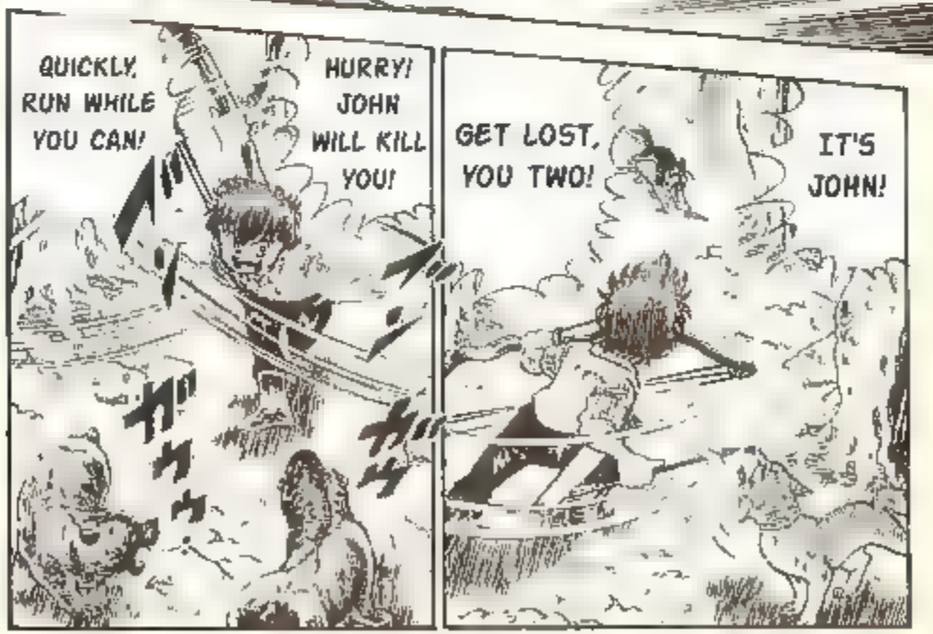
GR RR!


QUICKLY, RUN WHILE YOU CAN!
HURRY! JOHN WILL KILL YOU!
GET LOST, YOU TWO!
IT'S JOHN!

JOHN!
STOP IT!
HIS EYES WERE FIXED ON THE OTHER BEAR CUB'S THROAT, WHICH HE WAS ABOUT TO RIP OPEN.
JOHN FELT NO SHAME IN WHAT HE WAS DOING. THAT WAS NECESSARY IN A HUNTING DOG.

GE EE!
GRR RR!
THEY'RE STILL JUST HELPLESS CUBS!
STOP IT, JOHN!
ARF!
WOOF!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, KID?
JOHN WAS ANGRY. SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN HIM HAD SHOWN HIM HIS TEETH, AND HE WASN'T ABOUT TO TAKE THAT FROM AN IMPOLITE KID.

AT THAT INSTANT ...
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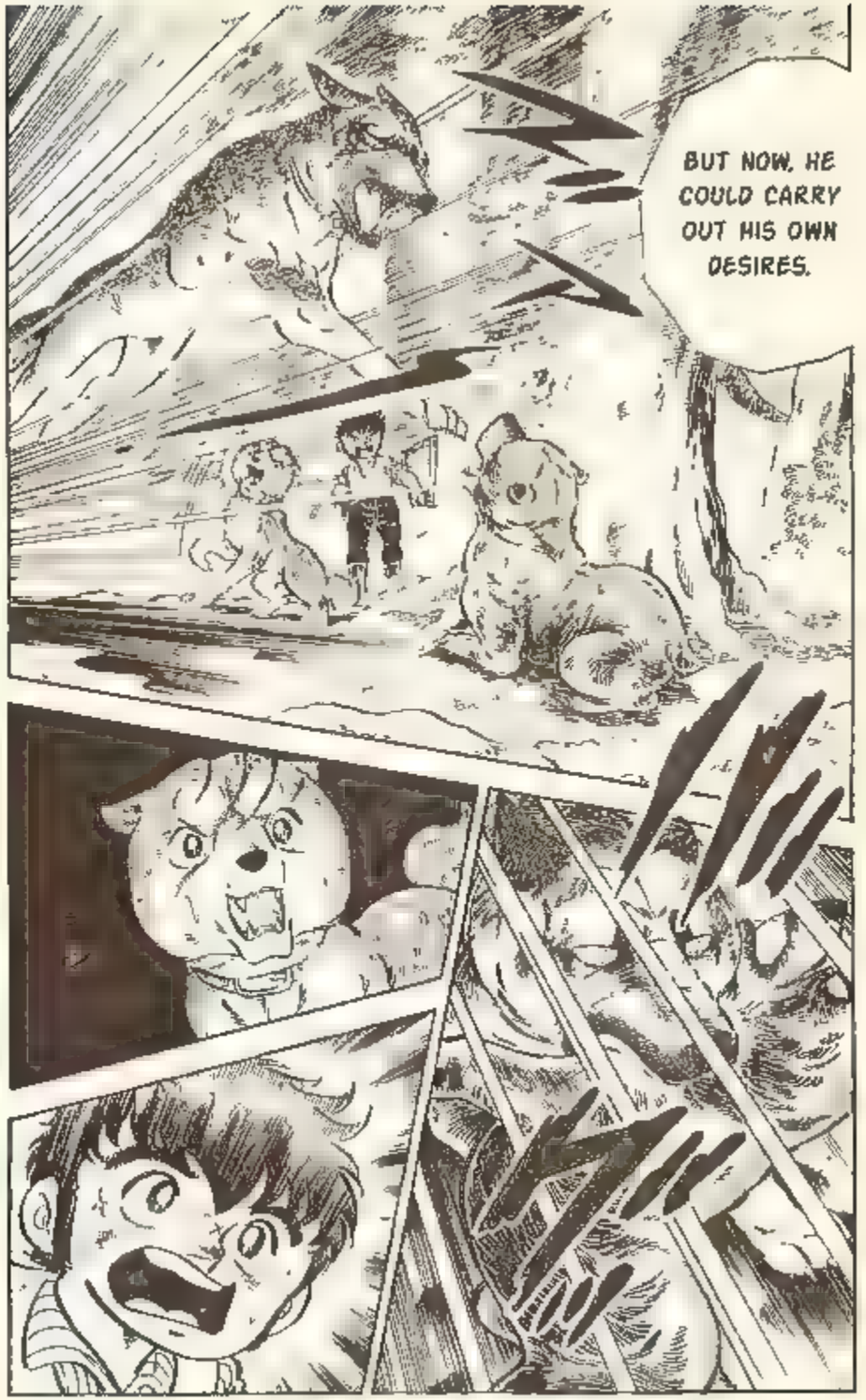
GIN!
GRRR ...


BUT NOW, HE COULD CARRY OUT HIS OWN DESIRES.

HE TORE UP THE STILL-YOUNG AND VULNERABLE BEAR CUB WITHOUT A CARE.
JOHN'S FANGS HELD NO SYMPATHY.
WHINE
J...JOHN
DON'T THINK YOU CAN STOP ME FROM TAKING MY PREY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO, BRAT?

JOHN TURNED HIS FANGS UPON HELPLESS THINGS AND MURDERED THEM WITH A PROUD ATTITUDE. GIN COULDN'T ALLOW THAT.

GIN WAS FURIOUS, BUT NOT BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE HAD STOLEN HIS PREY.

HE WAS CARRYING OUT HIS OWN ORDERS IN QUICK FIGHTS. HE THOUGHT NOTHING BAD OF HIS OWN ACTS.

JOHN HAD BEEN TAUGHT TO KILL ANYTHING THANKS TO HIS HUNTER'S TRAINING.

JOHN IS A FRIEND!
GIN, DON'T!
GRRR!

ARF!
COME ANYTIME. I'LL FIGHT YOU.
YOU GONNA TRY IT, KID?
KYAA!
GRRR!

YOU'VE DONE IT NOW, BRAT!
GAUUUU
AND BY USING SUCH STRENGTH, GIN WAS ABLE TO RENDER JOHN HELPLESS. GIN HAD COMBINED PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND TECHNIQUE.
GIN MADE THE FIRST MOVE, BUT JOHN WAS PINNED DOWN BY GIN'S POWER.

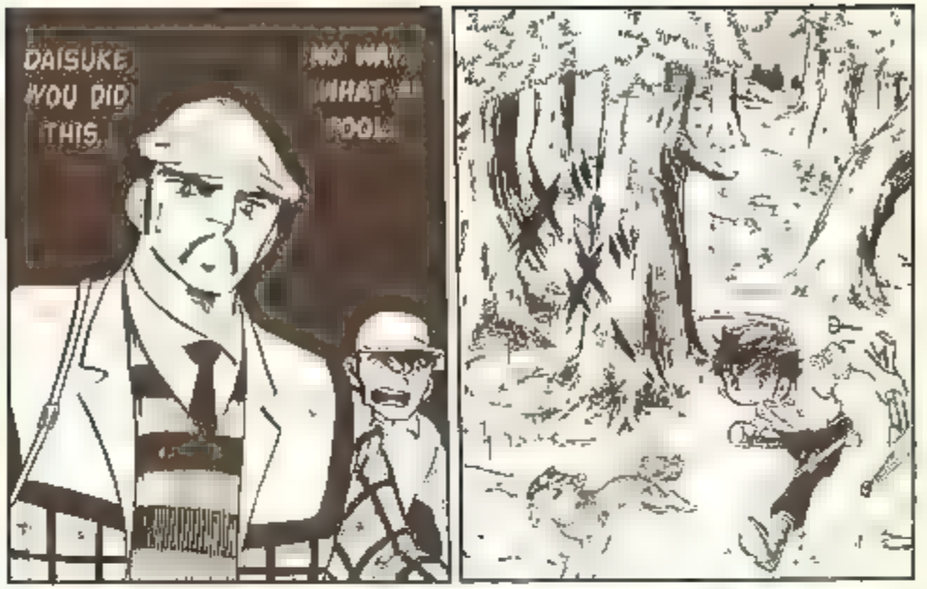
AAH!

HEY, JOHN! WHERE ARE YOU?
WHERE'D YOU GO?!
SHIT... THE DOCTOR AND THE OTHERS ARE COMING!
I'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF HE KNEW I DID THIS!

OVER HERE!
OVER THIS WAY!
GOD DAMMIT ...!
THIS IS WHERE WE LEAVE!
LET'S GO, GIN!

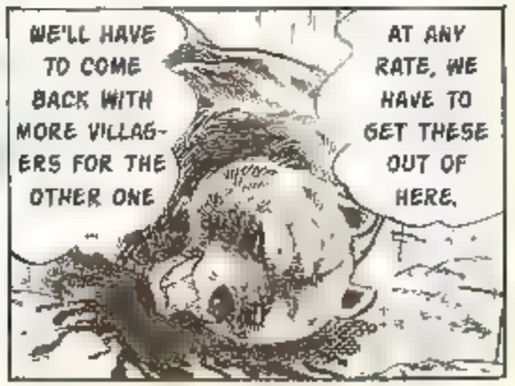
COULD JOHN HAVE POSSIBLY DONE THIS?!
UHH?! WHAT THE HELL?
THEN WHO DID IT? WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAME UP TO THE MOUNTAINS FROM THE VILLAGE...
NO WAY. THE WOUNDS ON ITS HEAD AREN'T FROM DOG TEETH.

THAT ARROW ...
WH... WHAT...?!
THAT GUY SEEMS IN A GODDAMN HURRY TO GET OFF OF THIS MOUNTAIN!
DOCTOR! OVER THERE!

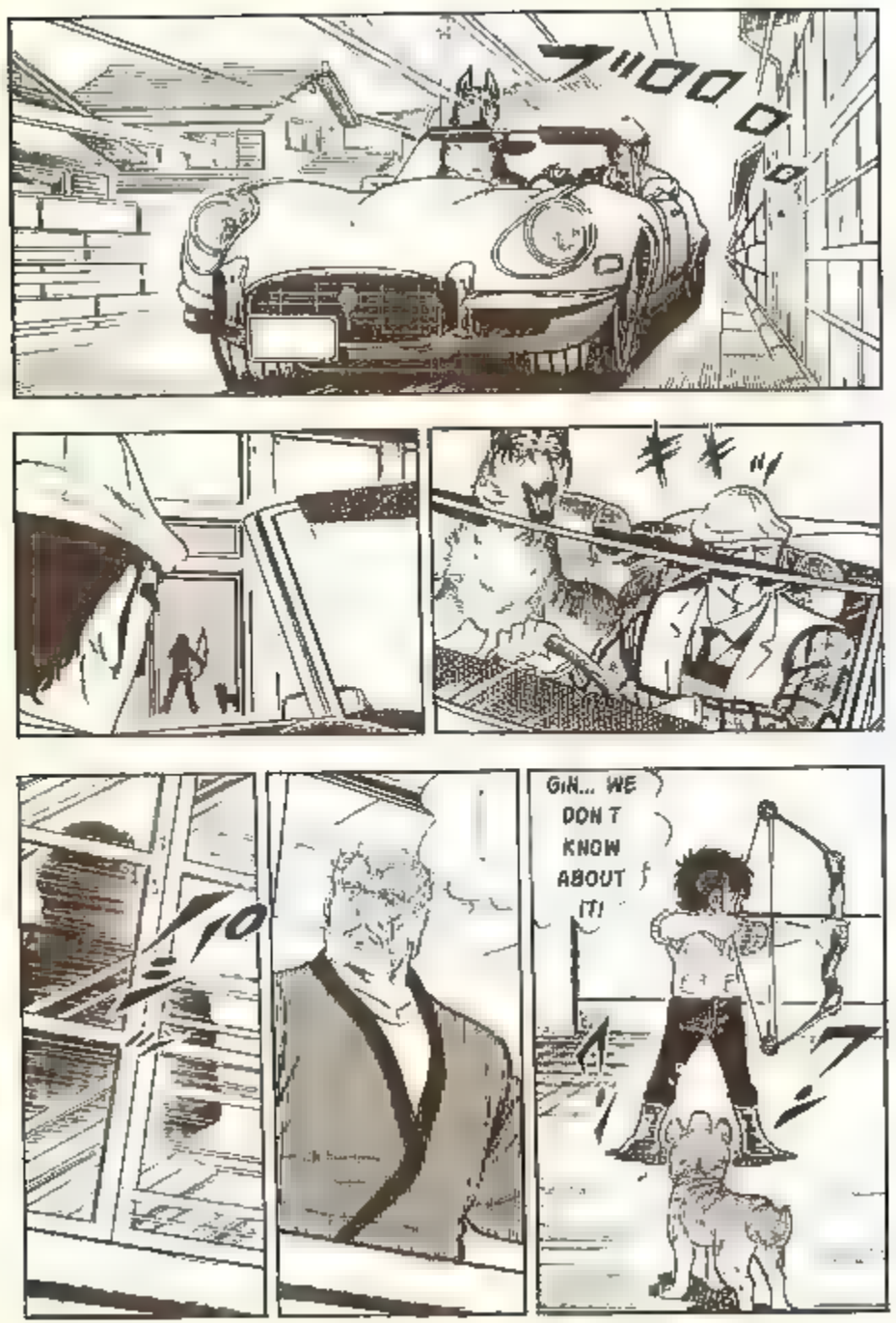

DAISUKE YOU DID THIS.
NO WAY! WHAT A FOOL.

HEISUKE, HELP ME TIE THESE UP...!
WE'LL TAKE THE SMALL ONES NOW.

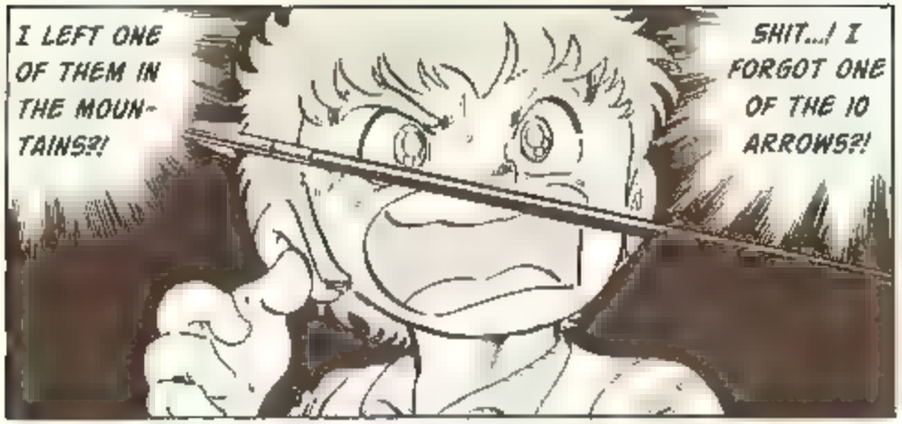
LOOKS LIKE JOHN GOT THESE TWO...
DOCTOR, THERE ARE TWO DEAD BEAR CUBS DOWN HERE.


WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK WITH MORE VILLAGERS FOR THE OTHER ONE
AT ANY RATE, WE HAVE TO GET THESE OUT OF HERE.

...WERE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF DARK SHADOWS.
ON THE MOUNTAIN ABOVE HIDETOSHI AND HIS PARTY...
EVEN JOHN'S SHARP SENSES HADN'T DETECTED THE EERIE SHADOWS.
THESE SHADOWS HAD WATCHED GIN AND DAISUKE'S EPISODE OF KILLING VERY CAREFULLY.


GIN... WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT!

GIN, WE WERE HERE THE ENTIRE TIME!
ALRIGHT? DON'T LET DOCTOR CATCH ON THAT WE KNOW ANY-THING.


I LEFT ONE OF THEM IN THE MOUN-TAINS?!
SHIT.../ I FORGOT ONE OF THE 10 ARROWS?!

FROM NOW ON YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE BOW, OR ENTER THIS PLACE!
IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR ME TO TEACH YOU ARCHERY.

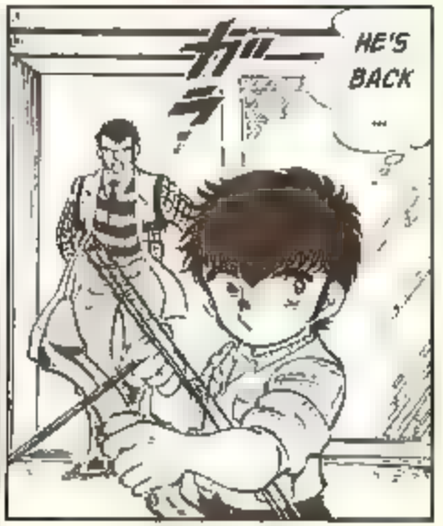
I WON'T LISTEN TO EXCUSES. GO HOME!
DOCTOR, NO!!

I STILL HAVE TO SAY IT WAS WELL DONE.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S AWFUL...

BOTH HE AND GIN HAVE GROWN...
WHAT THE HELL... DAISUKE DID?!

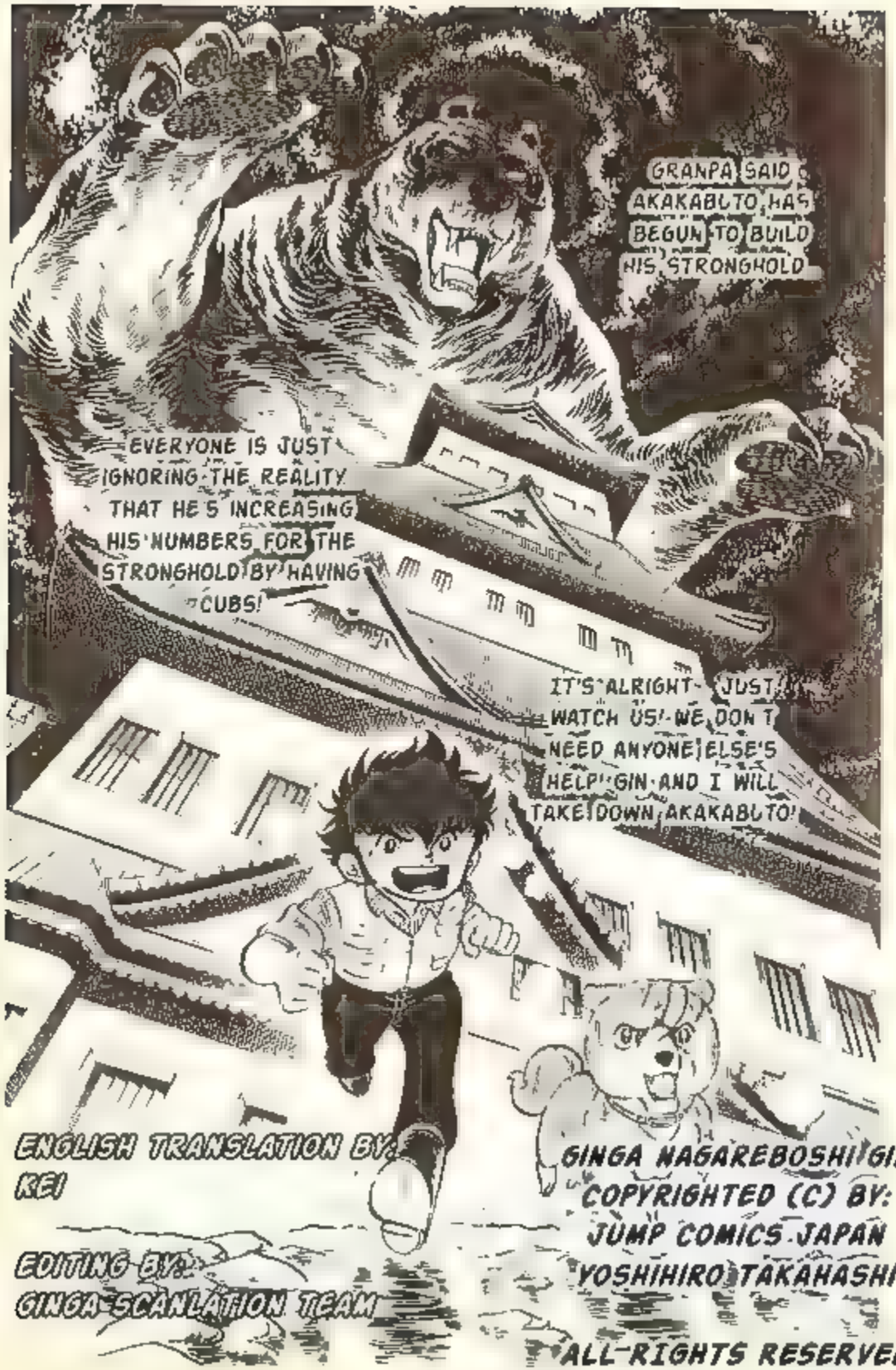
I STILL HAVE TO BE STRICT OVER THIS.
BUT I CAN'T ALLOW SOME-THING THIS BAD TO GO ON, CAN I?

HUH?
YOU FORGOT SOME-THING!


HE'S BACK...

SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD GO AFTER THEM FOR HIM!
EVERY DAY HE HAS NIGHTMARES ABOUT THE BEARS!
WITH GRANPA THE WAY HE IS...
BUT, I...!
!!
DON'T BE A FOOL.
WHA ...?!

AND EVEN WORSE, THERE'S BEEN A BAN ON ENTERING THE MOUNTAINS!
IT'S ILLEGAL TO HUNT WITH BOWS.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?!
THINK ABOUT THAT, DAISUKE.
YOU HAVE ANOTHER FIVE YEARS TO GO BEFORE YOU CAN HUNT. AND YOU'LL HAVE A BAD REPUTATION.
GIN, LET'S GO!
DOCTOR, I HATE YOU!
THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT, YOU BASTARD!
DAMMIT! YOU'RE SO STUCK UP!


GRANPA SAID AKAKABUTO HAS BEGUN TO BUILD HIS STRONGHOLD
EVERYONE IS JUST IGNORING THE REALITY THAT HE'S INCREASING HIS NUMBERS FOR THE STRONGHOLD BY HAVING CUBS!
IT'S ALRIGHT JUST WATCH US! WE DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE'S HELP! GIN AND I WILL TAKE DOWN AKAKABUTO!
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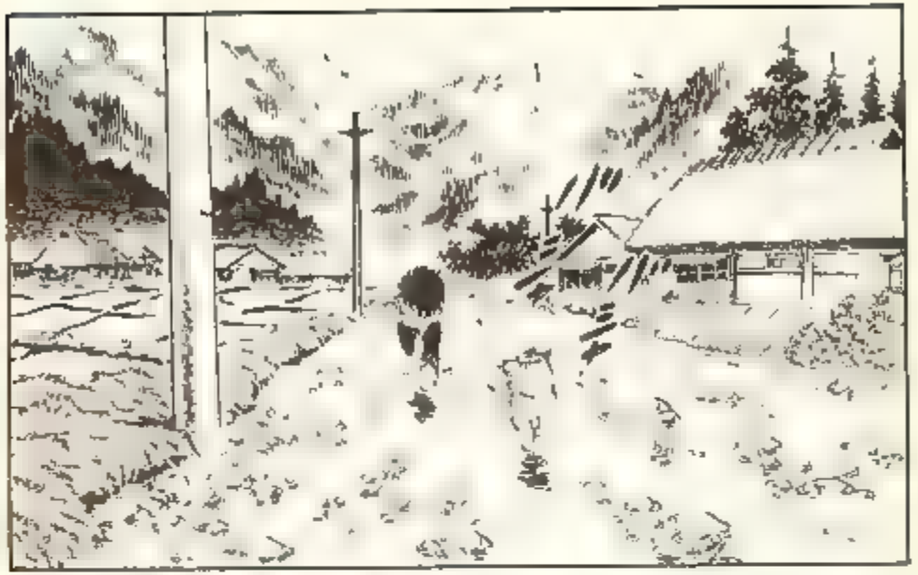
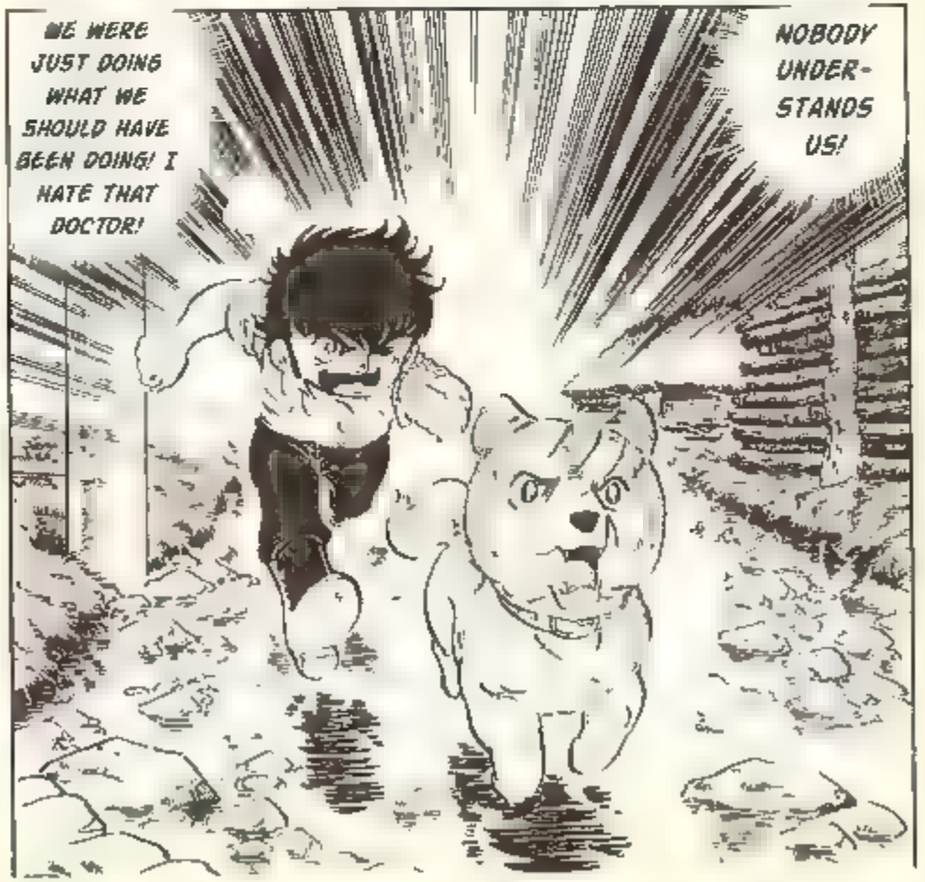
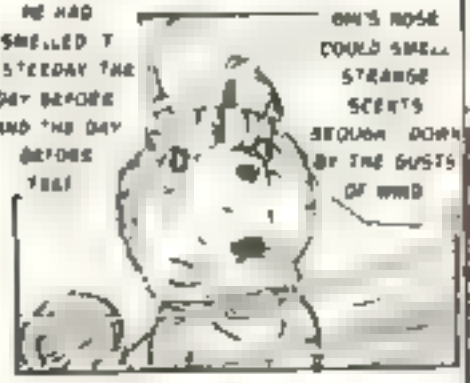



WE WERE JUST DOING WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING! I HATE THAT DOCTOR!
NOBODY UNDER-STANDS US!

AS USUAL, OHN CONTINUED OBSERVING HIS SURROUNDINGS.


HE HAD SMELLED IT YESTERDAY THE DAY BEFORE AND THE DAY BEFORE THAT!
OHN'S NOSE COULD SMELL STRANGE SCENTS BROUGHT DOWN BY THE GUSTS OF WIND

CHAPTER 2: AKAKABUTO'S ARMY APPEARS

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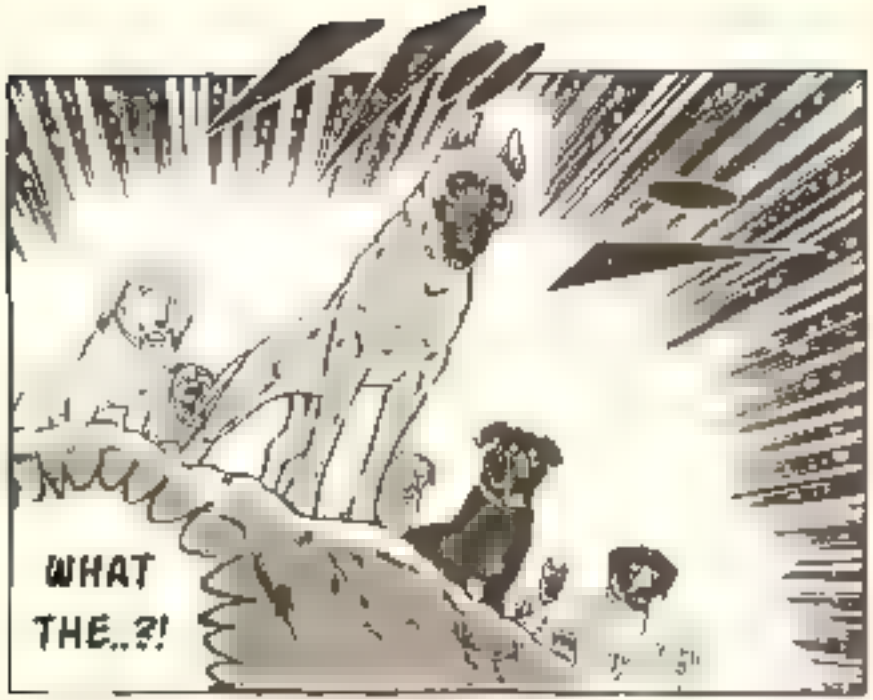
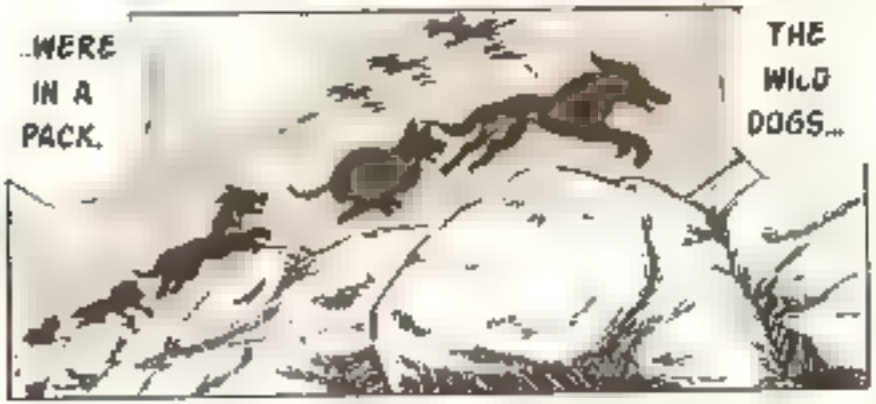

WHAT
THE..?!

WOOF!

THEY WERE HUNTERS, AND THERE WERE MORE THAN 10 OF THEM.
IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE PACK OF DOGS.

IT'S A NUISANCE. IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE DOGS ALONG HUNTING WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD TREAT THEM RIGHT.
THESE DOGS CAUGHT THEIR OWN FOOD, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T RETURN HOME.
BAD HUNTERS ARE KNOWN TO ABANDON THEIR OWN DOGS UP HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN I LIVED IN TOKYO I HEARD ABOUT THIS.
IN A COUPLE OF YEARS, THE NATION WOULD BE INFESTED WITH 200 OR SO UNWANTED DOGS.
IN THE KANTO REGION, MORE THAN 30-50 DOGS ARE ABANDONED EACH HUNTING SEASON.

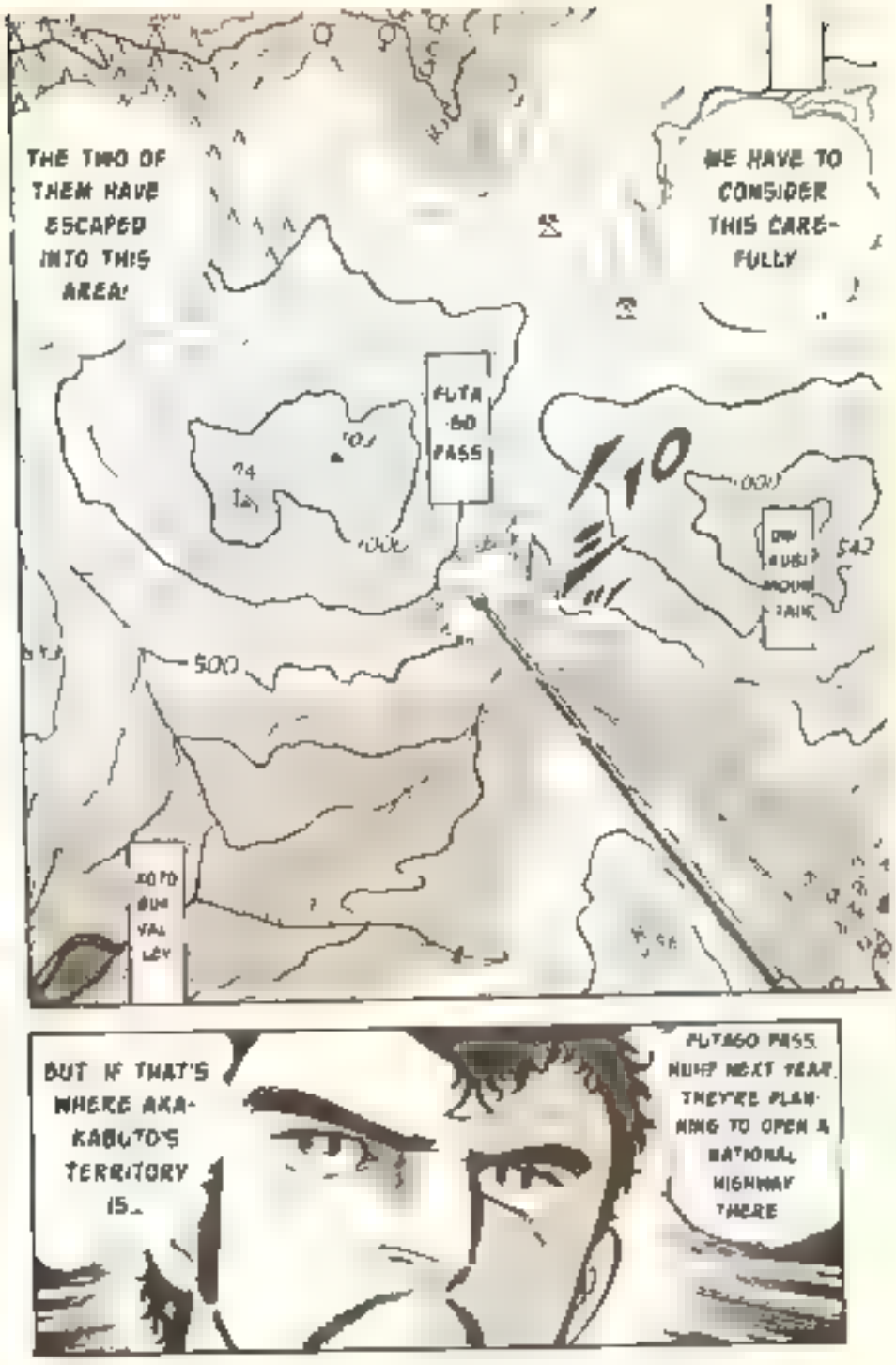
WOULD WILD DOGS DO THAT?!
COULD THEY HAVE DONE THIS?!
DOGS!


..WERE IN A PACK.
THE WILD DOGS...

HE'S A SIMILAR SIZE TO AKAKA BUTO.
HE'S SAID TO HAVE FIVE OR SIX BULLETS IN HIS STOMACH
HE'S NOT A MAN-EATING BEAR BUT HE'S EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND ATTACKS ANYONE HE FINDS.
THE COUNCIL OF MIYAGI WARNED US THAT HE'D FLED INTO AKITA.
HE'S ALSO A HUGE AGGRESSIVE BEAR
AND EVEN AFTER HIM. THERE'S THE ONE ARMED BEAR FROM IWATE MORI
THE HUNTERS OF IWATE SAID HE ALSO FLED INTO AKITA.
THAT HE'S KILLED SEVEN PEOPLE.
THE STAFF OF IWATE'S FOREST ORGANIZATION SAID

THE NUMBER OF RED-FURRED BEAR CUBS IS INCREASING AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING OUR BEST TO KEEP THINGS SAFE
SETTLE DOWN! LISTEN TO ME, EVERYONE.
村役場
OTHER PLACES ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME PROBLEMS AS WE ARE.
BUT THIS PROBLEM IN GENERAL IS AFFECTING MIYAGI, IWATE, AOMORI AND AKITA.
LAST YEAR, MADARA ENTERED THE AREA FROM MIYAGI. HE'S RUMORED TO BE AN 8 YEAR OLD MALE WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND.
ONE OF THEIR PROBLEMS HAS COME HERE.

IT'D BE A HUGE DEAL BY THE TIME SUMMER COMES.
ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE SITUATION WOULD WANT TO USE THE HIGHWAY
NOBODY WOULD BE ABLE TO ENTER THE REGION OR COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASE.
EXACTLY. FUTAGO PASS IS REMOTE...
IT'D BE THE DOWNFALL OF THESE MOUNTAINS.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA NEED TO ACT FAST
BUT EVEN SO, I WANT TO ASK FOR THE HELP OF ALL OF YOU HERE.
THE TOWN HALL HAS TWO RIFLES FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.
NOBODY ELSE HAS A RIFLE LIKE HIDETOSHI DOES.
WE CAN'T RELY ON OTHER VILLAGES TO HELP US...


THE TWO OF THEM HAVE ESCAPED INTO THIS AREA!
WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY
FUTA GO PASS
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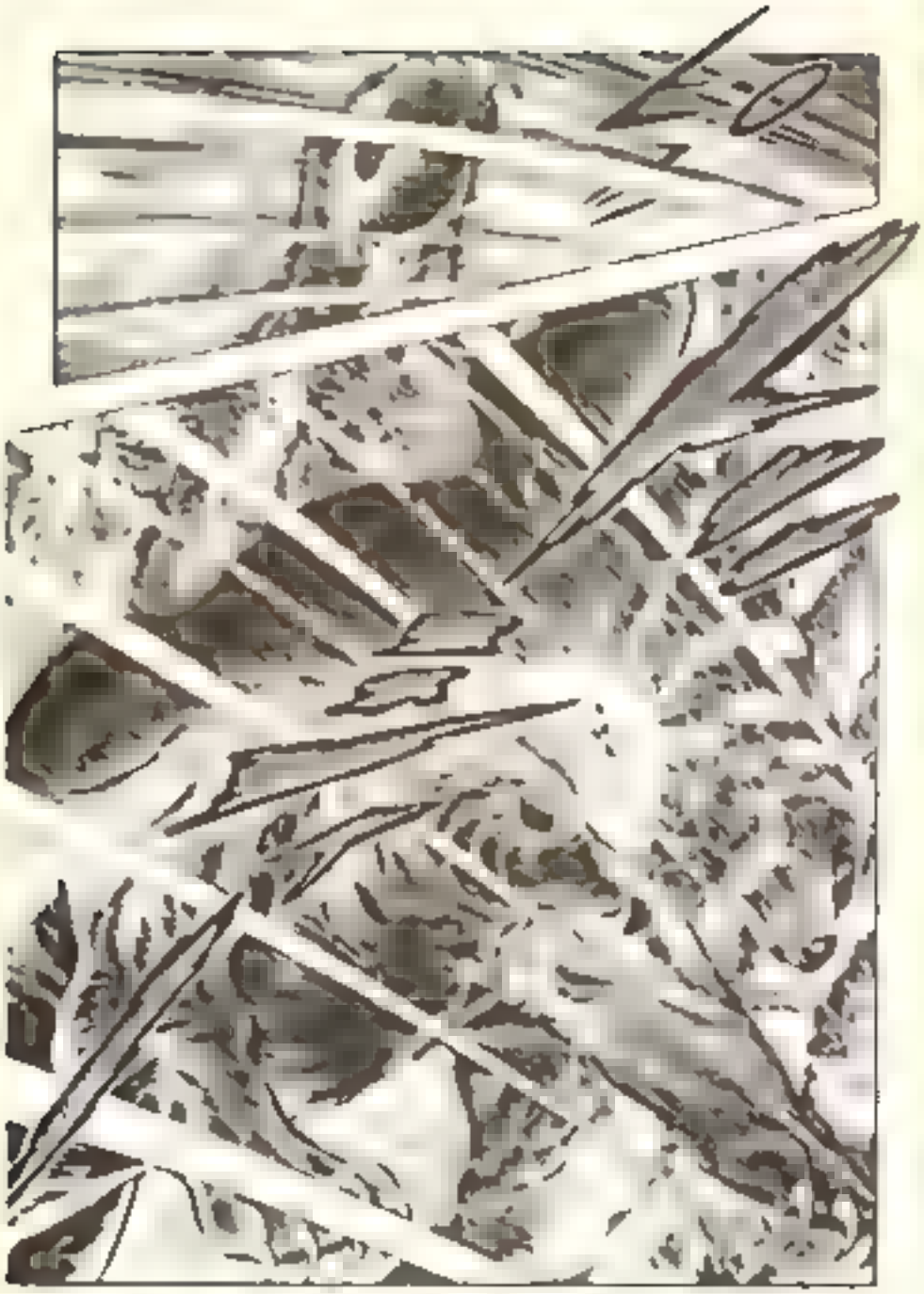
BUT IF THAT'S WHERE AKA-KABUTO'S TERRITORY IS...
FUTAGO PASS. NUHP NEXT YEAR. THEY'RE PLANNING TO OPEN A NATIONAL HIGHWAY THERE

HE'S MAKING HIS PRESENCE KNOWN!
NONE OF YOU KNOW ANYTHING!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT AKAKABUTO IS DOING RIGHT NOW?!
GRANPA, TELL THEM!
WE CAN'T WASTE EVEN A MOMENT OVER THIS. ONCE IT'S BUILT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DESTROY THE STRONGHOLD!
AKAKABUTO IS IN THE MIDST OF CREATING A STRONGHOLD.

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE'LL STILL BE WITH US AFTER SPRING.
I STILL HAVE TO LOOK AFTER MY MOTHER.
THIS WILL KILL SKIING TOURISM
BUT WELL... THIS YEAR WE..
AS SOON AS THE SKIING TOURISTS HEAR ABOUT AKAKABUTO, THINGS WILL GO BAD. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
WE CAN'T...
YOU FOOLS!!
DON'T SAY SUCH BULLSHIT!

GRRR!
A BEAR THAT HAD COME IN FROM MIYAGI HAD NOW CROSSED OVER INTO ARAKABUTO'S TERRITORY
MADARA, AN EIGHT YEAR OLD MALE.

GOMEI'S PREDICTIONS WERE CORRECT, AND ARAKABUTO WAS FIGHTING IN FUTAGO PASS AT THAT VERY MOMENT
GRRR!
DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS, SOMETHING TERRIBLE WAS GOING ON. A VIOLENT BATTLE TO THE DEATH HAD BEGUN



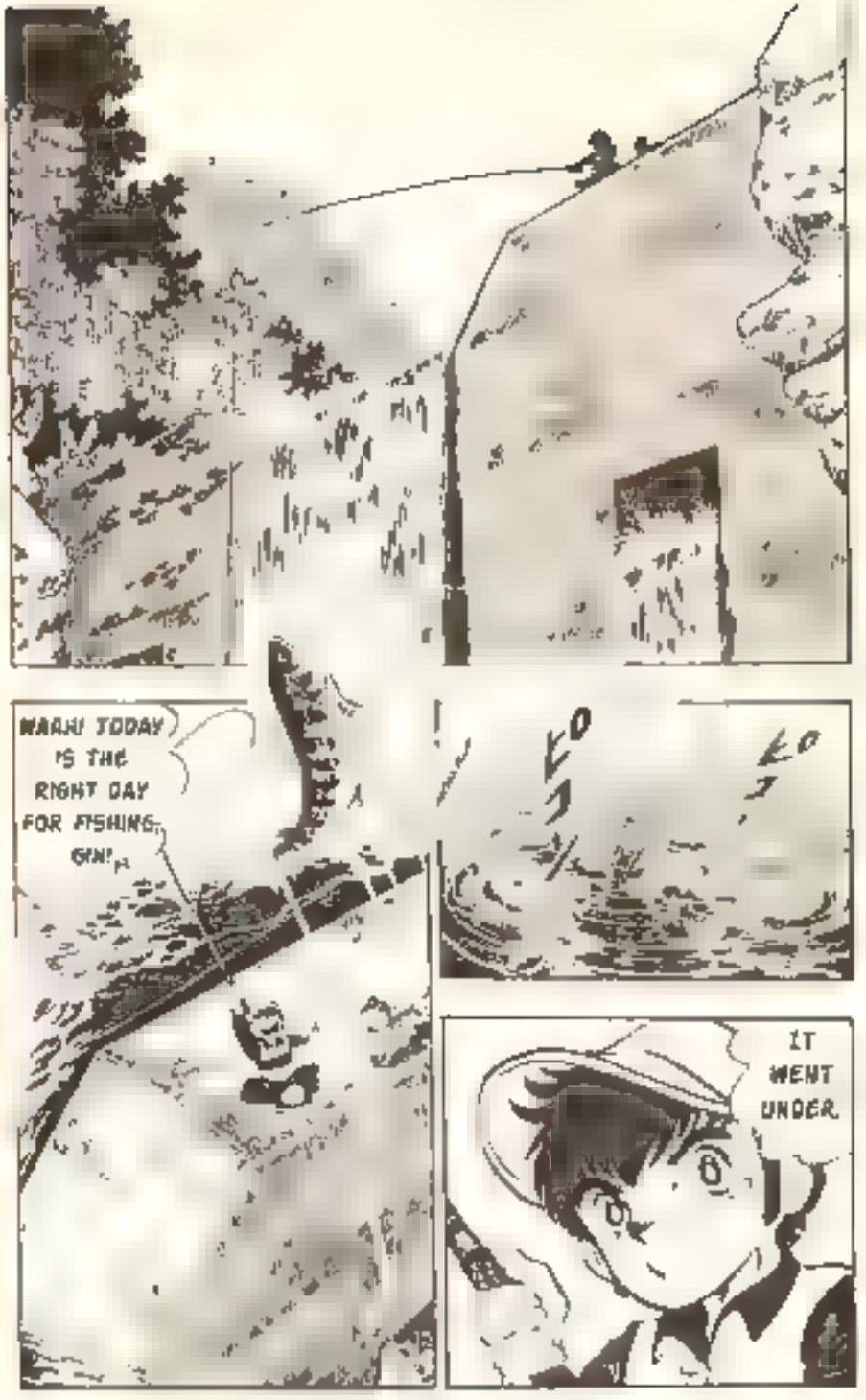
GRRRR!

AND THUS, AKAKABUTO WAS IMPROVING THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF GAJOU.*
THE SLY AKAKABUTO OUTLAWED THE INTRUDER RATHER THAN KILLING HIM. FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT

* GAJOU = STRONGHOLD/CASTE/STONE STRUCTURE)

BUT IT WAS A WAY OF GETTING MADARA TO DEFEND IT WELL FOR HIM.
IT WAS NOT PART OF AKAKABUTO'S STRONGHOLD
BUT THE WINNER AKAKABUTO DID NOT CONTINUE THE CHALLENGE BUT GAVE MADARA TERRITORY

FOR SOME REASON, SOMETHING FEELS BAD...
WE WON'T FISH FOR MUCH LONGER...
ホゲーッ
?!
ウウウ
GIN!
RRRR!
GRR!


WAAH! TODAY IS THE RIGHT DAY FOR FISHING, GIN!
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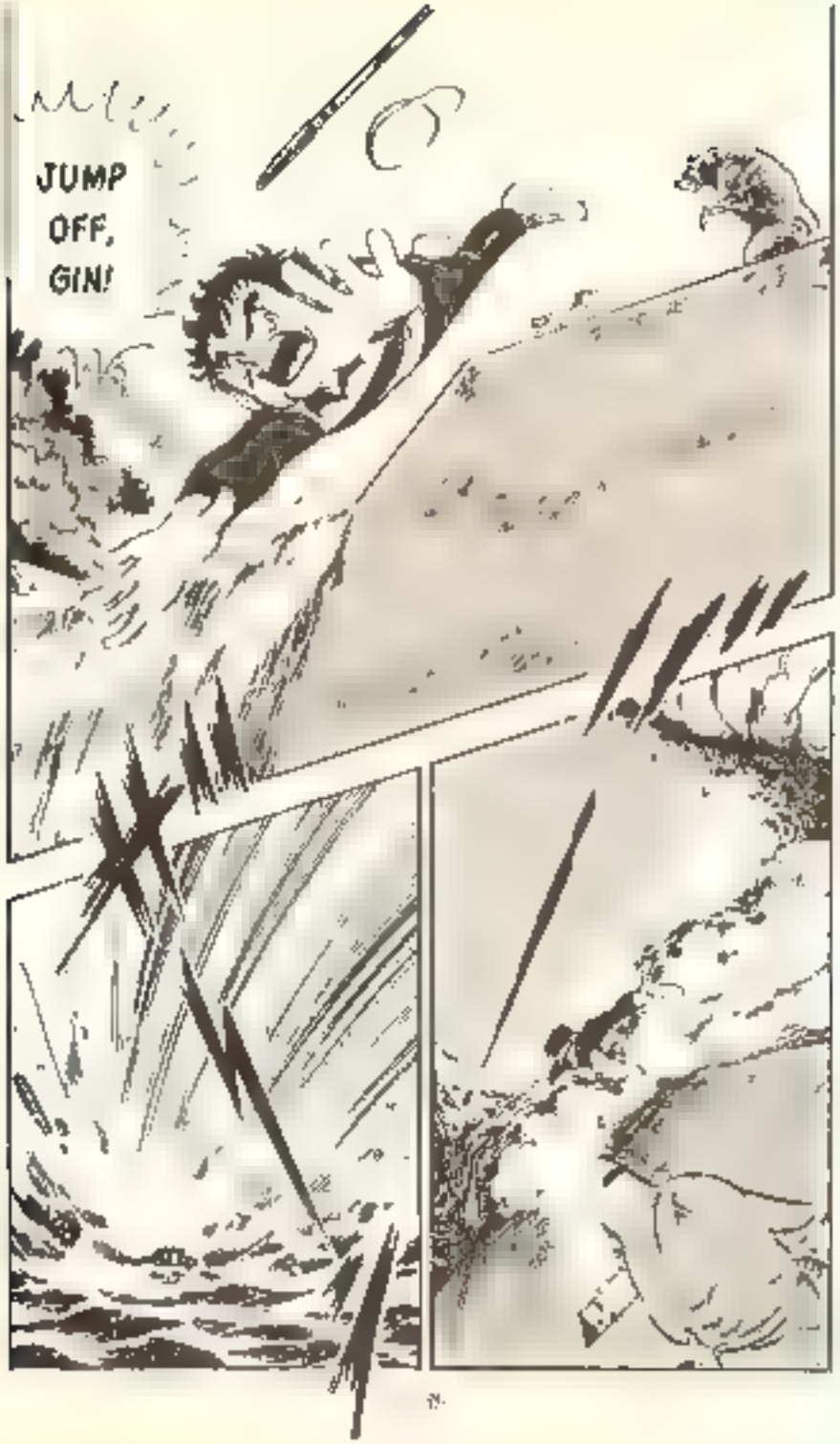
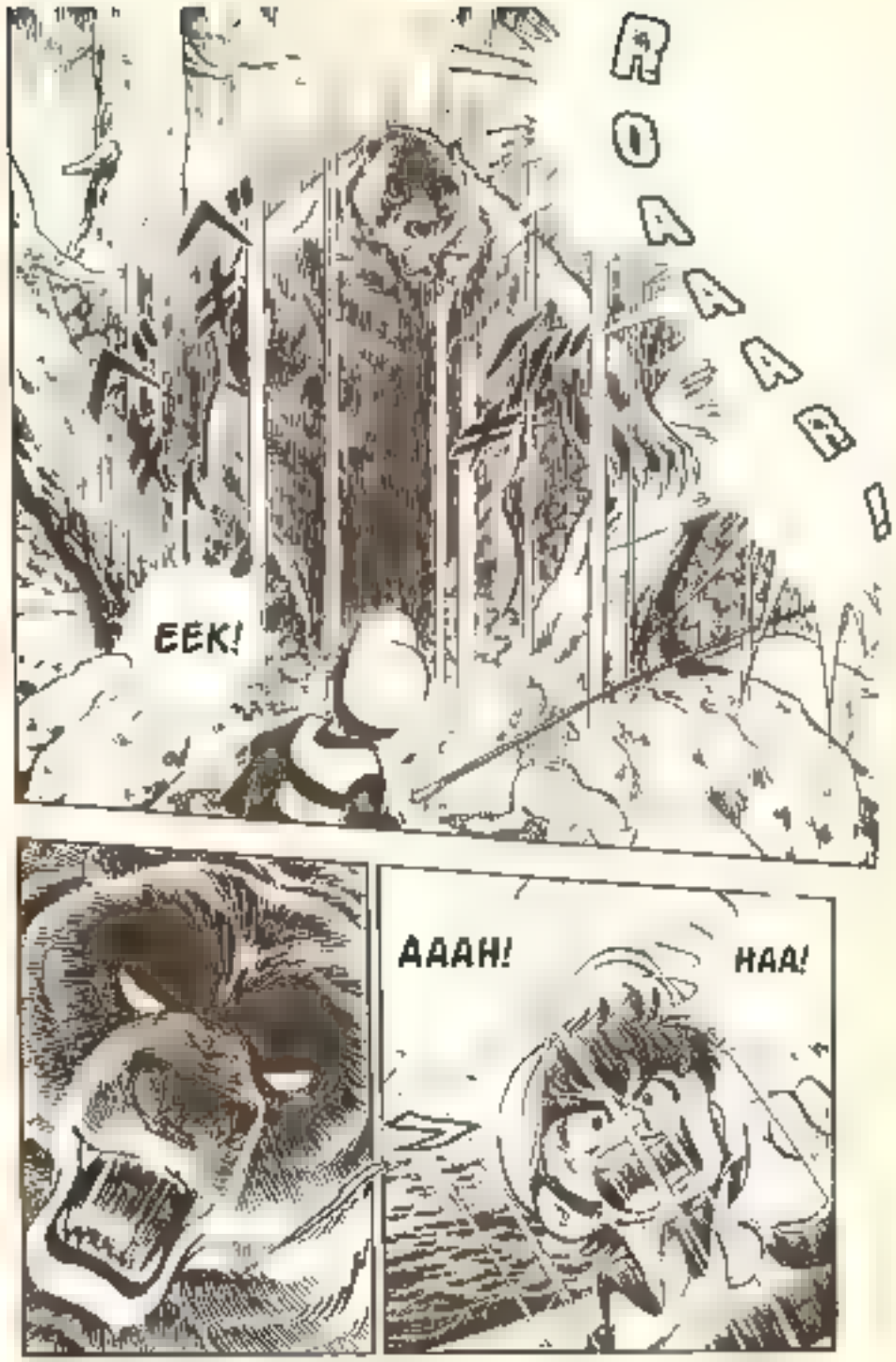
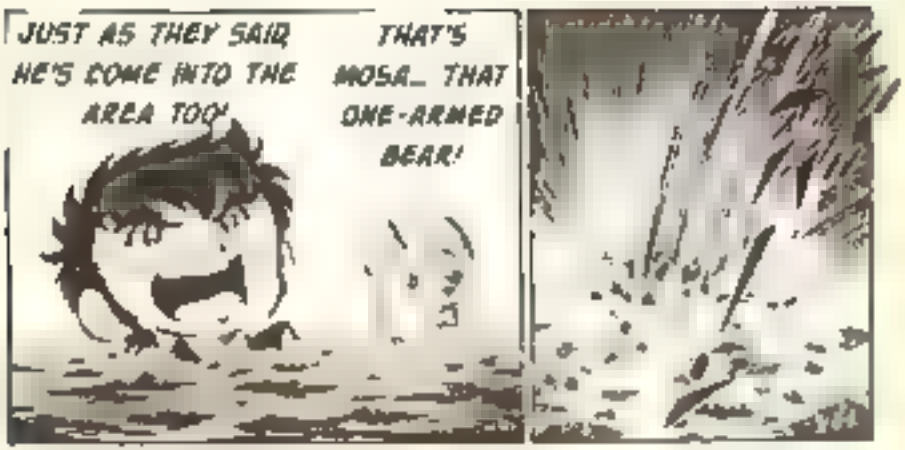
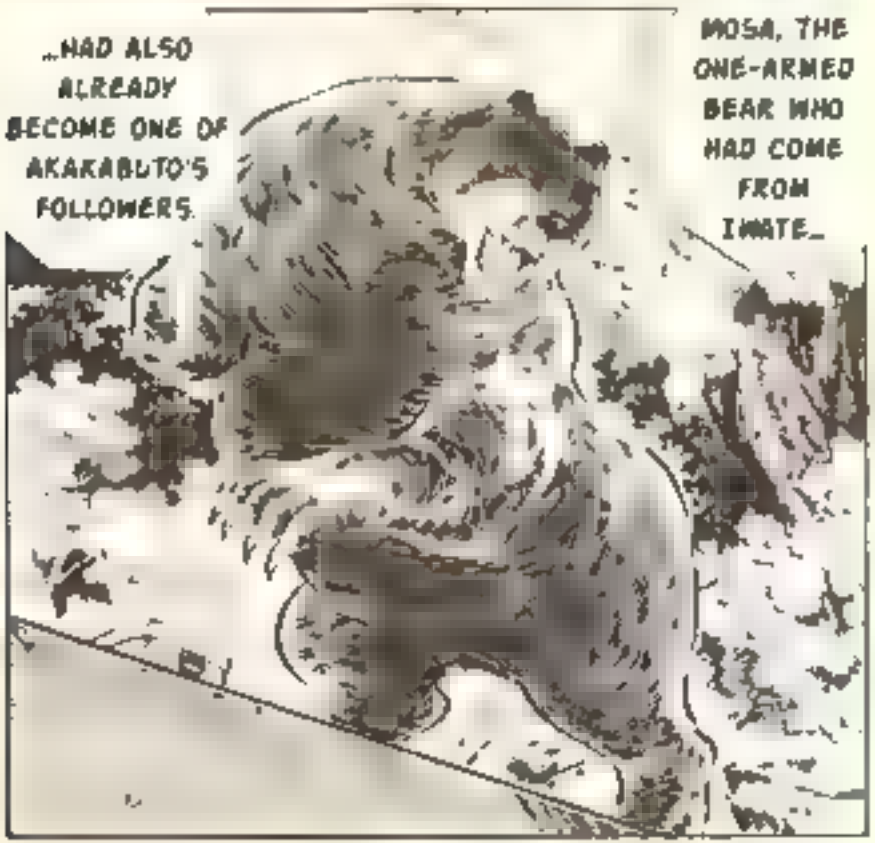
IT WENT UNDER.


JUMP OFF, GIN!

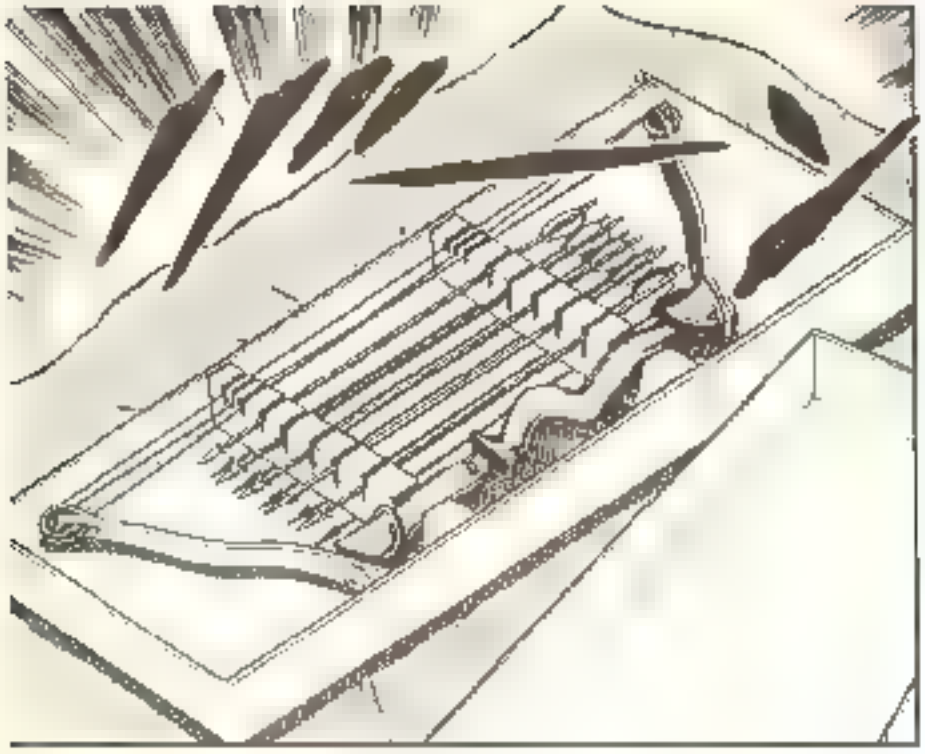

ROARR!
EEK!

AAAH!
HAA!


JUST AS THEY SAID HE'S COME INTO THE AREA TOO!
THAT'S MOSA... THAT ONE-ARMED BEAR!

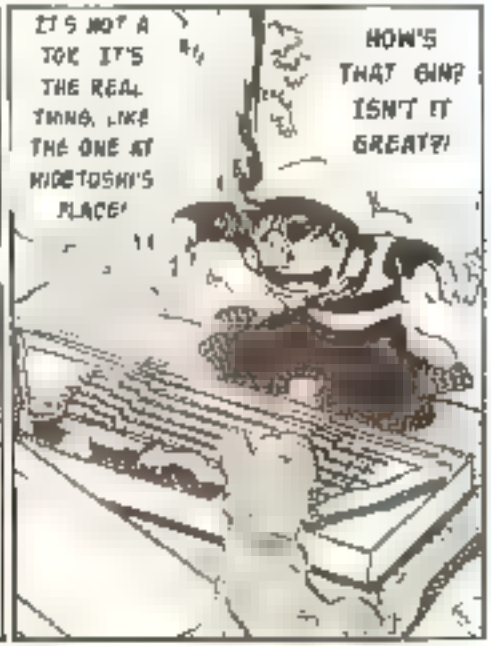

..HAD ALSO ALREADY BECOME ONE OF AKAKABUTO'S FOLLOWERS.
MOSA, THE ONE-ARMED BEAR WHO HAD COME FROM IWATE..

JUMP OFF, DON'T START FIGHTING!
GIN! GET AWAY!
GRR!

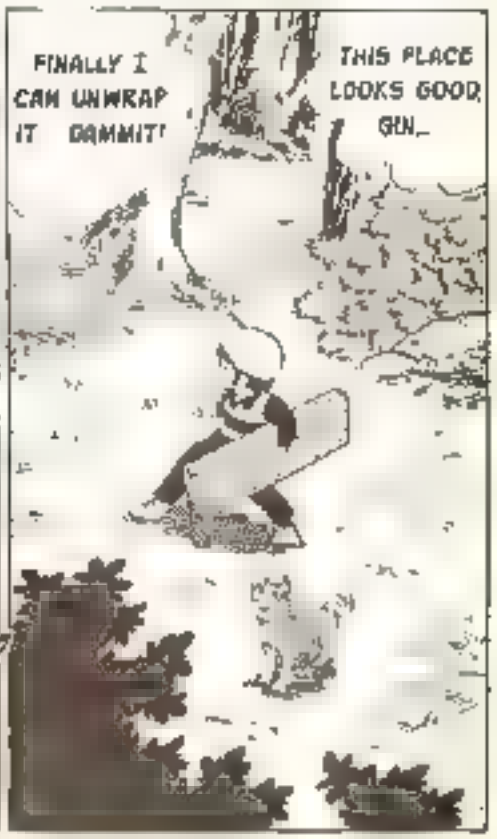


WHINE

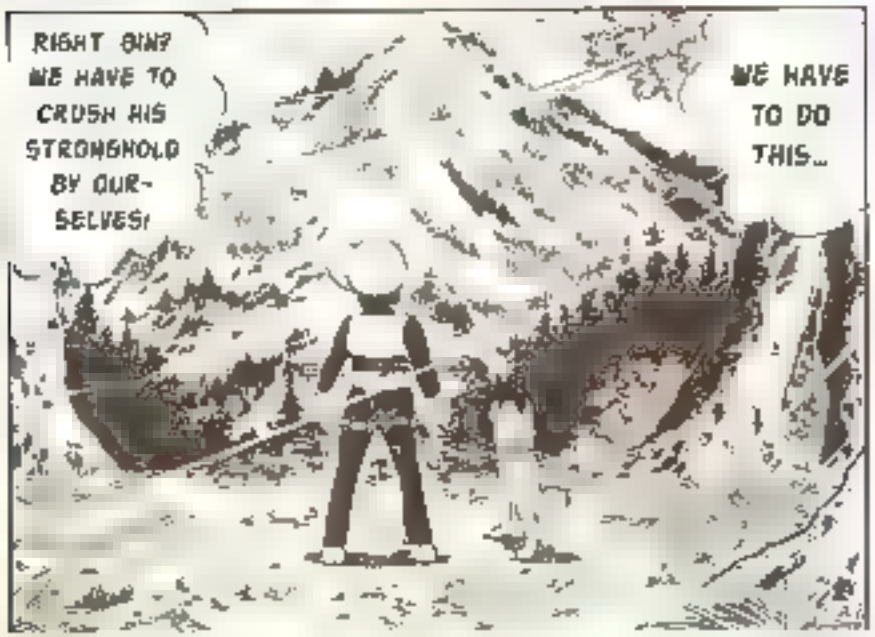
DON'T DO THAT!
FOOL. WHAT'S WITH THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE?


IT'S NOT A TOY. IT'S THE REAL THING, LIKE THE ONE AT HIDETOSHI'S PLACE!
HOW'S THAT GUN? ISN'T IT GREAT?!

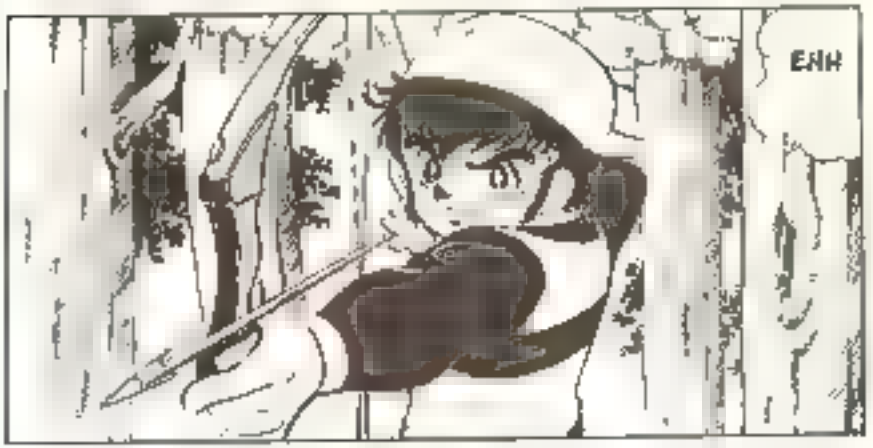
MAKE SURE NOBODY CAN SEE.


FINALLY I CAN UNWRAP IT DAMMIT!
THIS PLACE LOOKS GOOD. GUN.

THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM, BUT THEY DO NOTHING ABOUT IT...
I'VE GOTTA BE QUIETER WITH THIS.


RIGHT GIN? WE HAVE TO CRUSH HIS STRONGHOLD BY OUR-SELVES!
WE HAVE TO DO THIS...

IT WAS THE MOST IMPOR-TANT THING
THIS WAS IMPOR-TANT TO US.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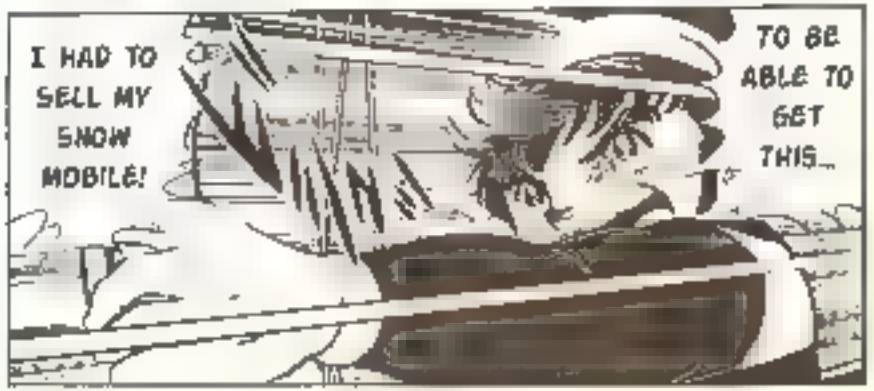
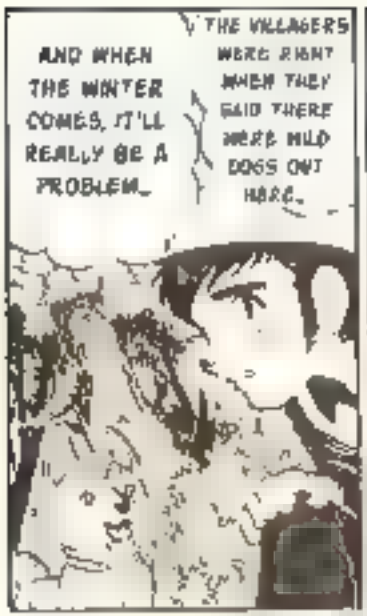

I HAD TO SELL MY SNOW MOBILE!
TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS...


AND WHEN THE WINTER COMES, IT'LL REALLY BE A PROBLEM...
THE VILLAGERS WERE RIGHT WHEN THEY SAID THERE WERE WILD DOGS OUT HERE...

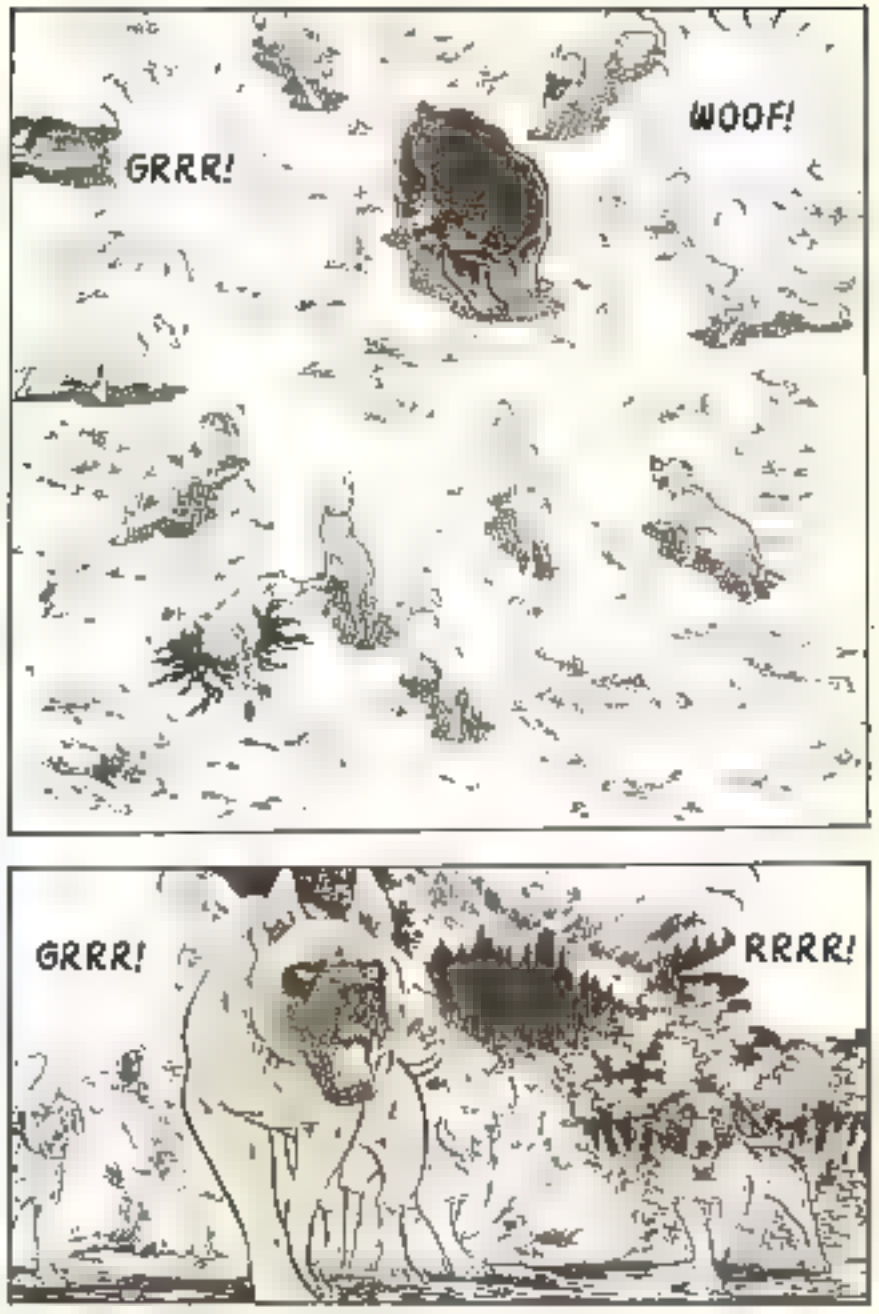
DID A BEAR DO THIS DAMAGE?
HOW HORRIBLE... HIS HEAD HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CRUSHED...

I HAVE TO BURY THIS POOR THING...

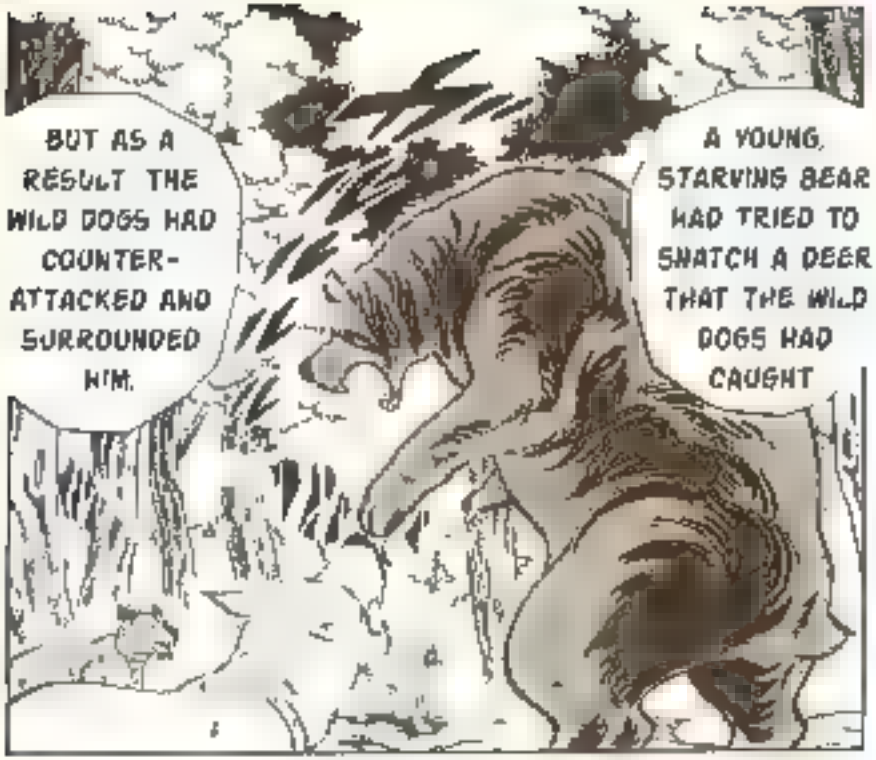
!?

WOOF!
WOOF!

THIS IS A...!
TH...

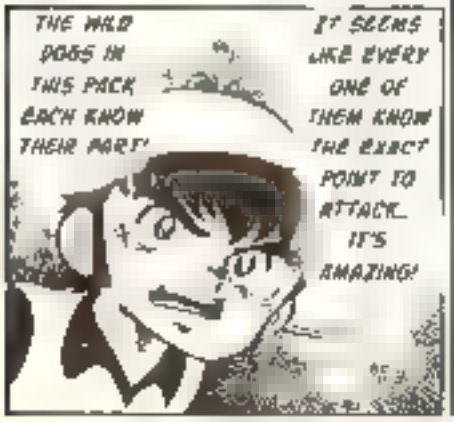

GRRR!
WOOF!

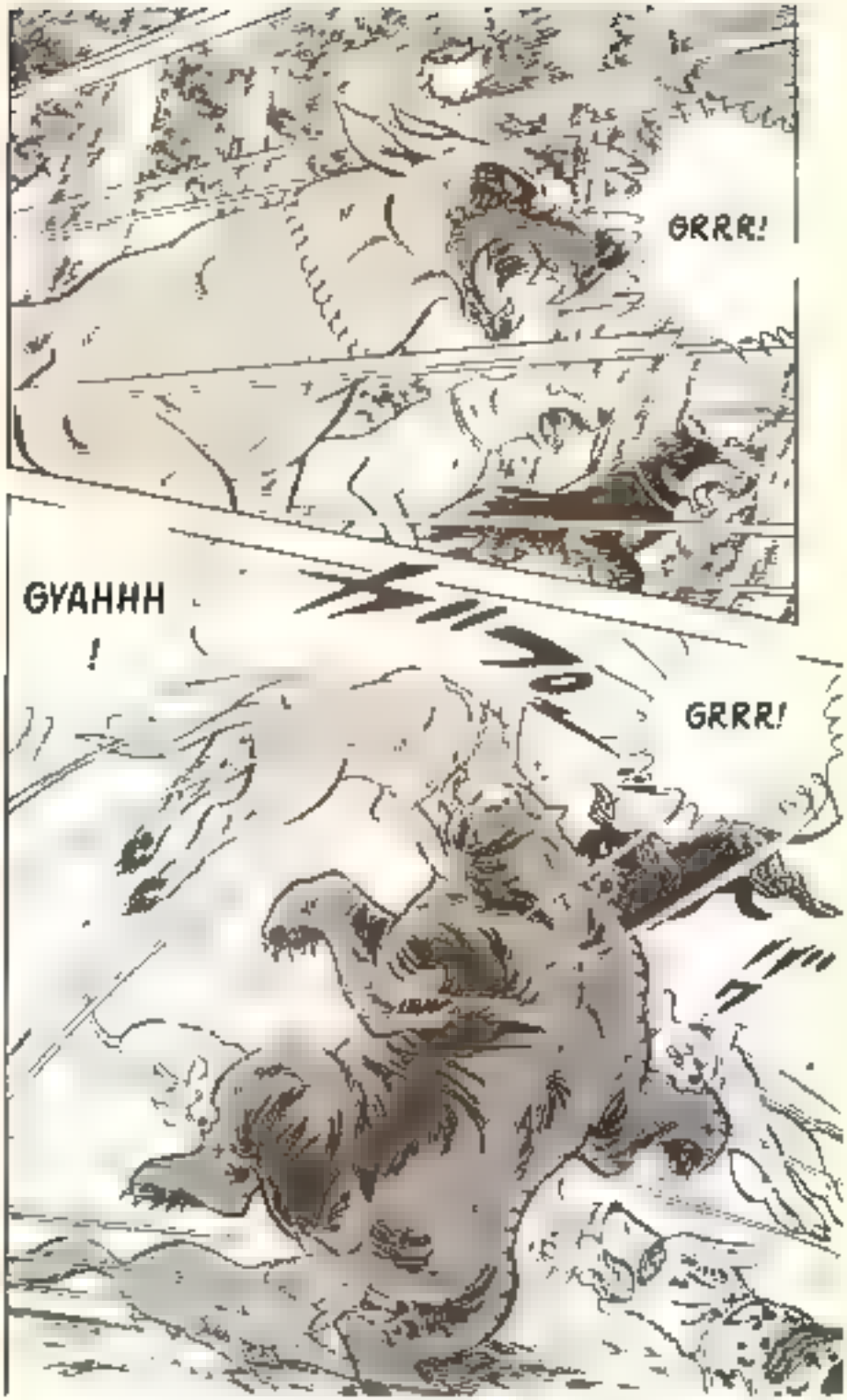
GRRR!
RRRR!


BUT AS A RESULT THE WILD DOGS HAD COUNTER-ATTACKED AND SURROUNDED HIM.
A YOUNG, STARVING BEAR HAD TRIED TO SNATCH A DEER THAT THE WILD DOGS HAD CAUGHT

ALL OF THE DOGS WERE READY TO GO AT HIM IN A FULL-BLOWN ATTACK. THEY WEREN'T REGULAR WILD DOGS.
NOW, THE WILD DOGS WERE HUNTING AS A PACK.
THERE WERE MORE THAN 10 OF THEM, BUT THESE NUMBERS WEREN'T CERTAIN TO BE ENOUGH.

THEIR EYES ARE ALL FIXED AT THE SAME THING.
AMAZING. THEY ACT AS ONE!


THE WILD DOGS IN THIS PACK EACH KNOW THEIR PART!
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY ONE OF THEM KNOW THE EXACT POINT TO ATTACK. IT'S AMAZING!


GRRR!
GYAHHH !
GRRR!

RRRR!
GRRR!
WAS IT THEM?!
THAT SCENT I SMELLED BACK AT THE VILLAGE.
THE DOGS KILLED THE BEAR!
THEY BROUGHT IT DOWN!

AAH, GIN! COME BACK!
WENT RIGHT UP TO GIN.
THE BOSS-DOG OF THE PACK...
HE'S GOING TO KILL GIN!
AAAH!

IT'S DANGER-OUS!
GIN, WAIT!
!?
GRRR!

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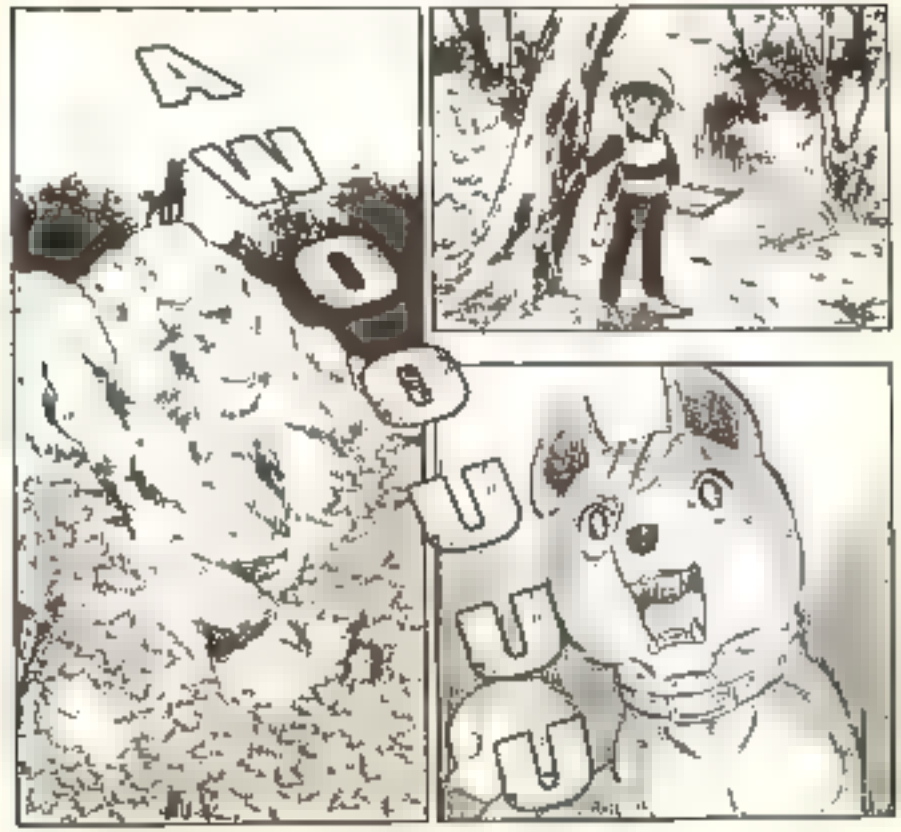
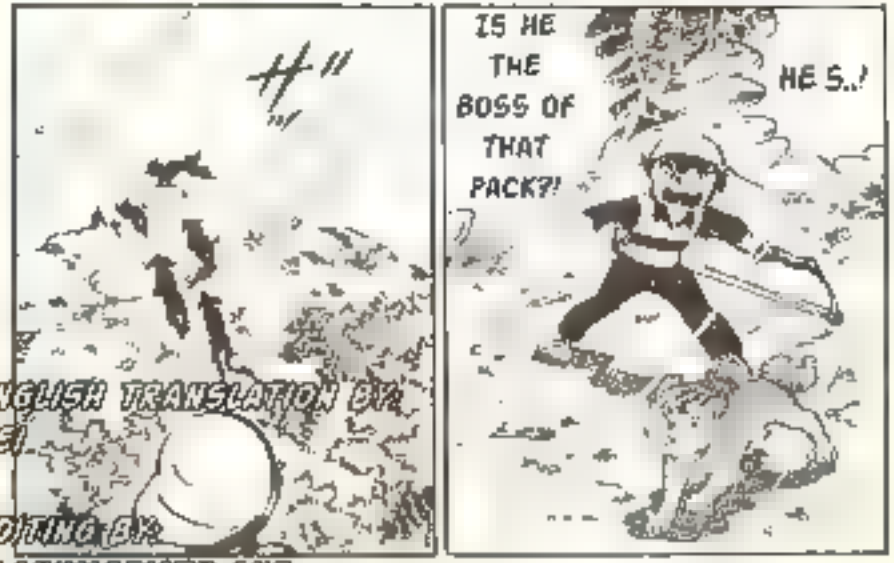


ARF!
WOOF!
I SAID WAIT, GIN!
WAIT!
GIN WAS BEING SWEPT AWAY BY A HUGE FORCE THAT SHOOK HIS VERY INSTINCT
GIN DIDN'T HEAR DAISUKE'S VOICE.



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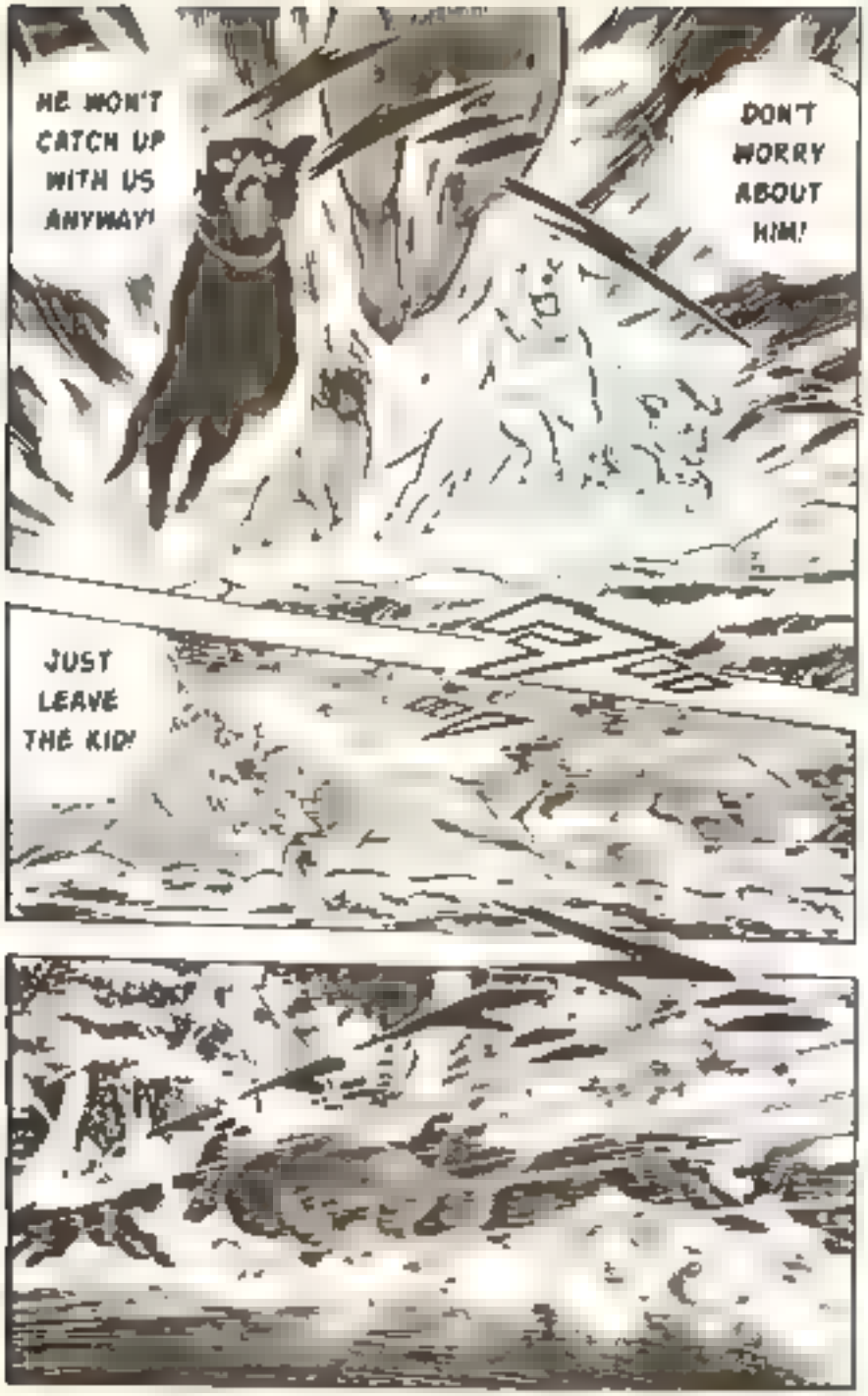
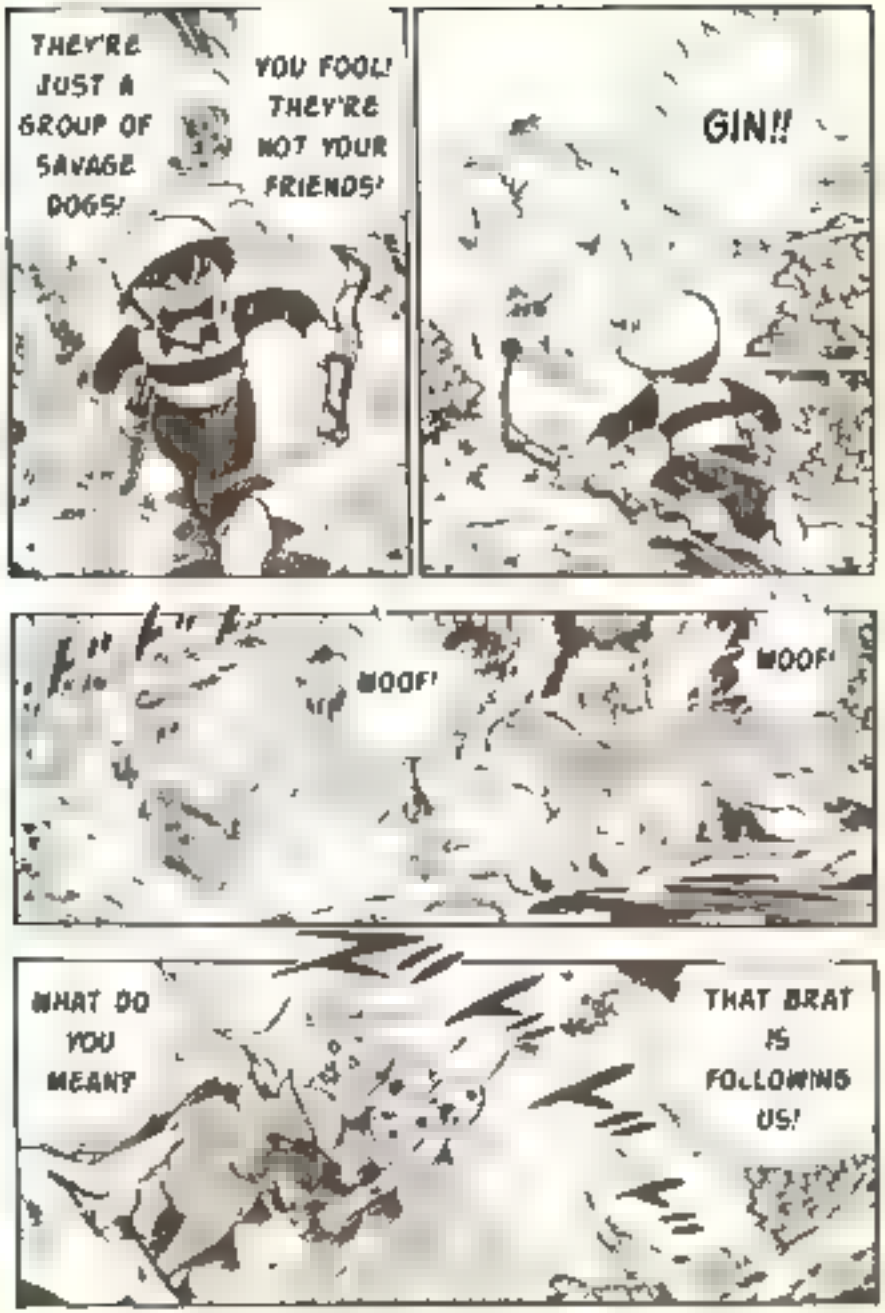
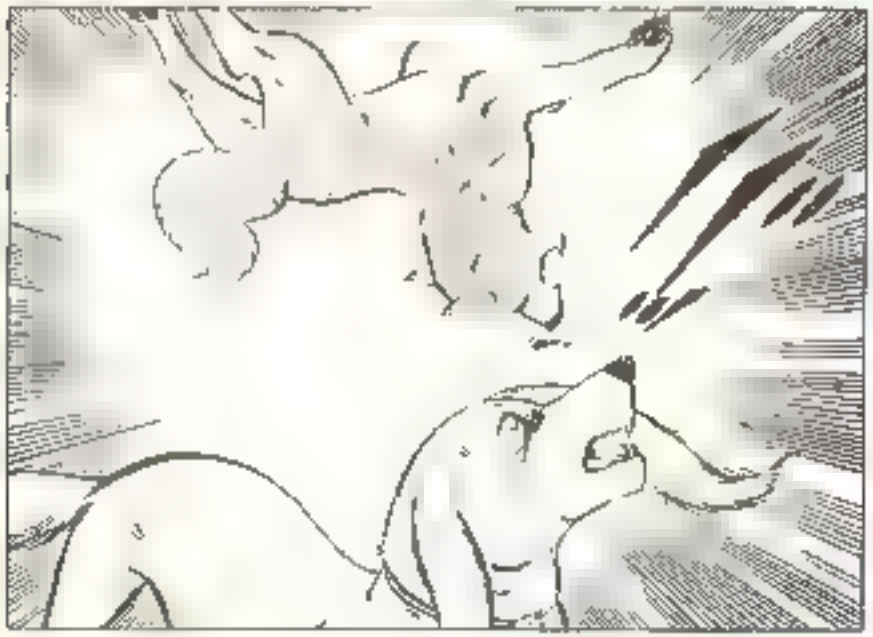
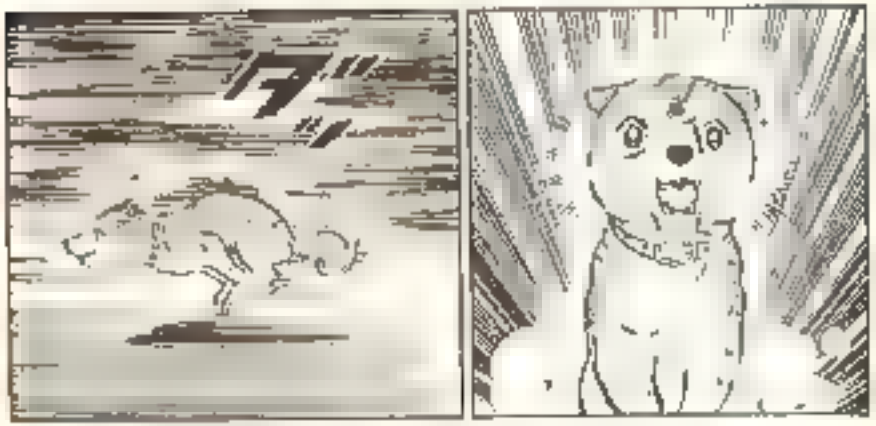
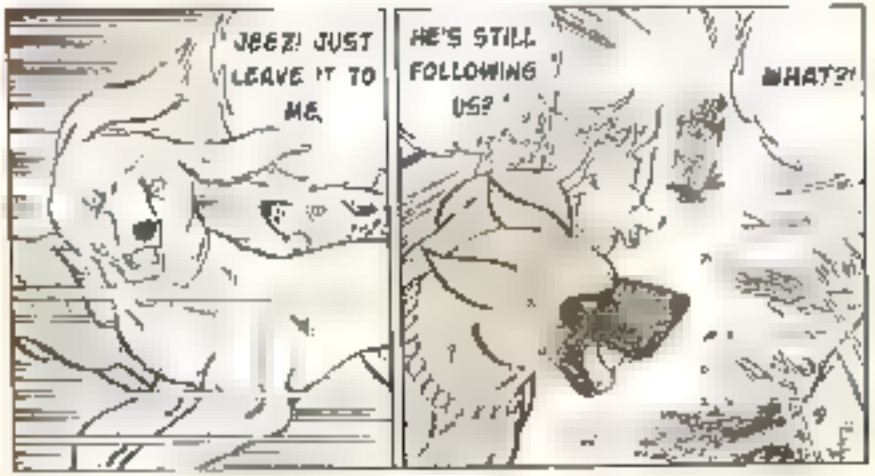

HE WON'T CATCH UP WITH US ANYWAY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM!
JUST LEAVE THE KID!

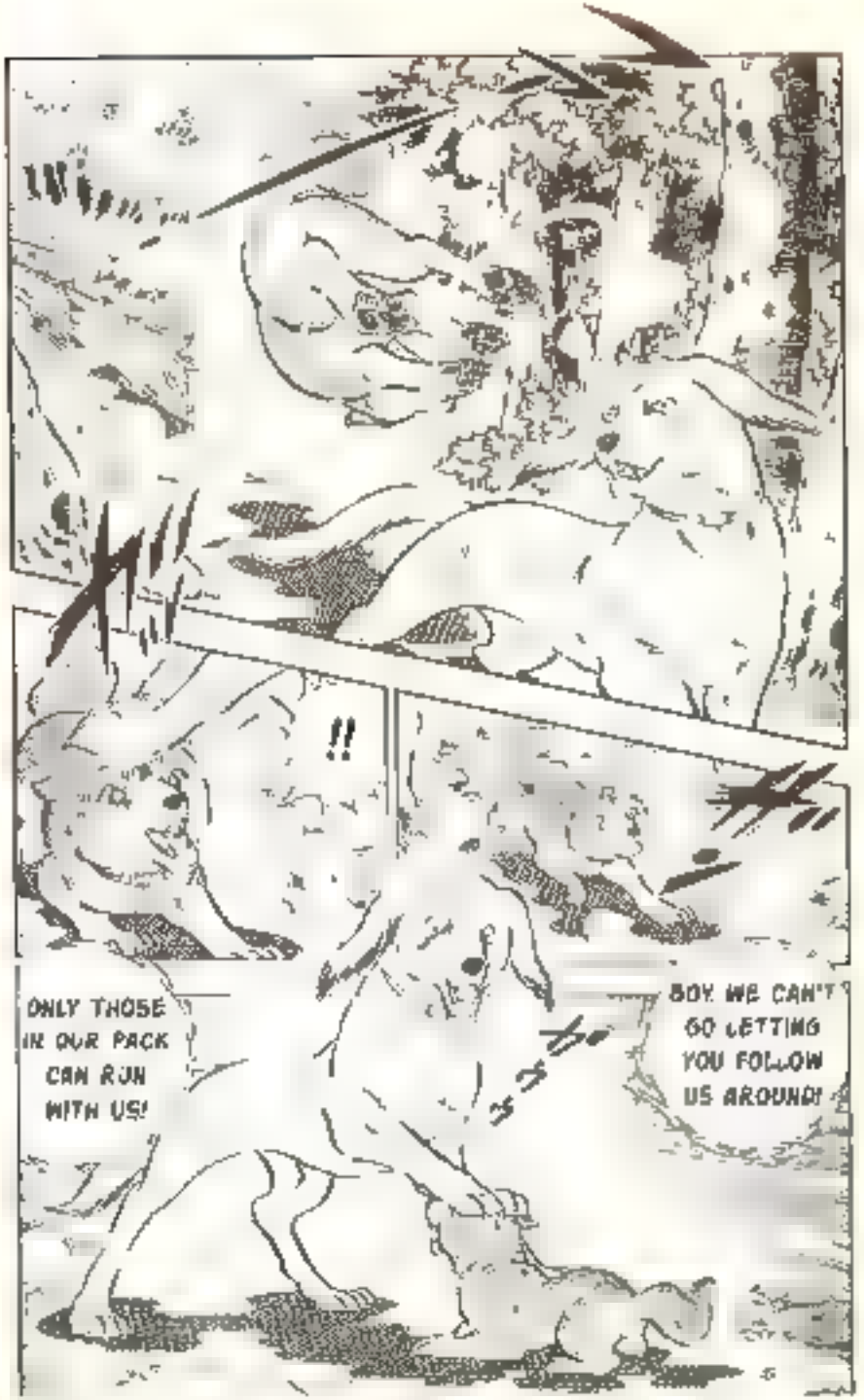

THEY'RE JUST A GROUP OF SAVAGE DOGS!
YOU FOOL! THEY'RE NOT YOUR FRIENDS!
GIN!!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT BRAT IS FOLLOWING US!






JEEZ! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.
HE'S STILL FOLLOWING US?
WHAT?!

YOU DON'T WANT TO THROW AWAY THE HAPPINESS YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW, DO YOU?
YOUR MASTER IS LOOKING FOR YOU!
GIN!!
GIN, WHERE ARE YOU?
DID THEY RUN OFF?
GIN, WHAT'S WRONG?!
THINGS WILL GET DANGEROUS ONCE IT'S DARK...
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WENT HOME...
THEY DIDN'T HURT YOU!
PHEW!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ONLY THOSE IN OUR PACK CAN RUN WITH US!
BOY, WE CAN'T GO LETTING YOU FOLLOW US AROUND!

HIS PRES-
ENCE ALONE
WAS CRAZILY
POWERFUL...
AND THAT
BOSS...
WHINE
WHERE'S
GIN?
HUH,
FUJI?
THE DOOR
IS OPEN... IS
HE ON THE
ROOF
AGAIN?
HUH
?

WHAT?! YOU
WENT INTO
THE MOUN-
TAINS?!
IT'S TRUE,
DAD! IT WAS
AMAZING! THEY
WERE SUCH AN
AMAZING PACK
OF DOGS!
YOU'RE NOT
TO ENTER
THE MOUN-
TAINS!!
YOU
FOOL!!
WELL...
AAH...
ALL OF THEM
WERE... MOST
OF THEM
LOOKED LIKE
WESTERN
BREEDS, TOO.
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YOU
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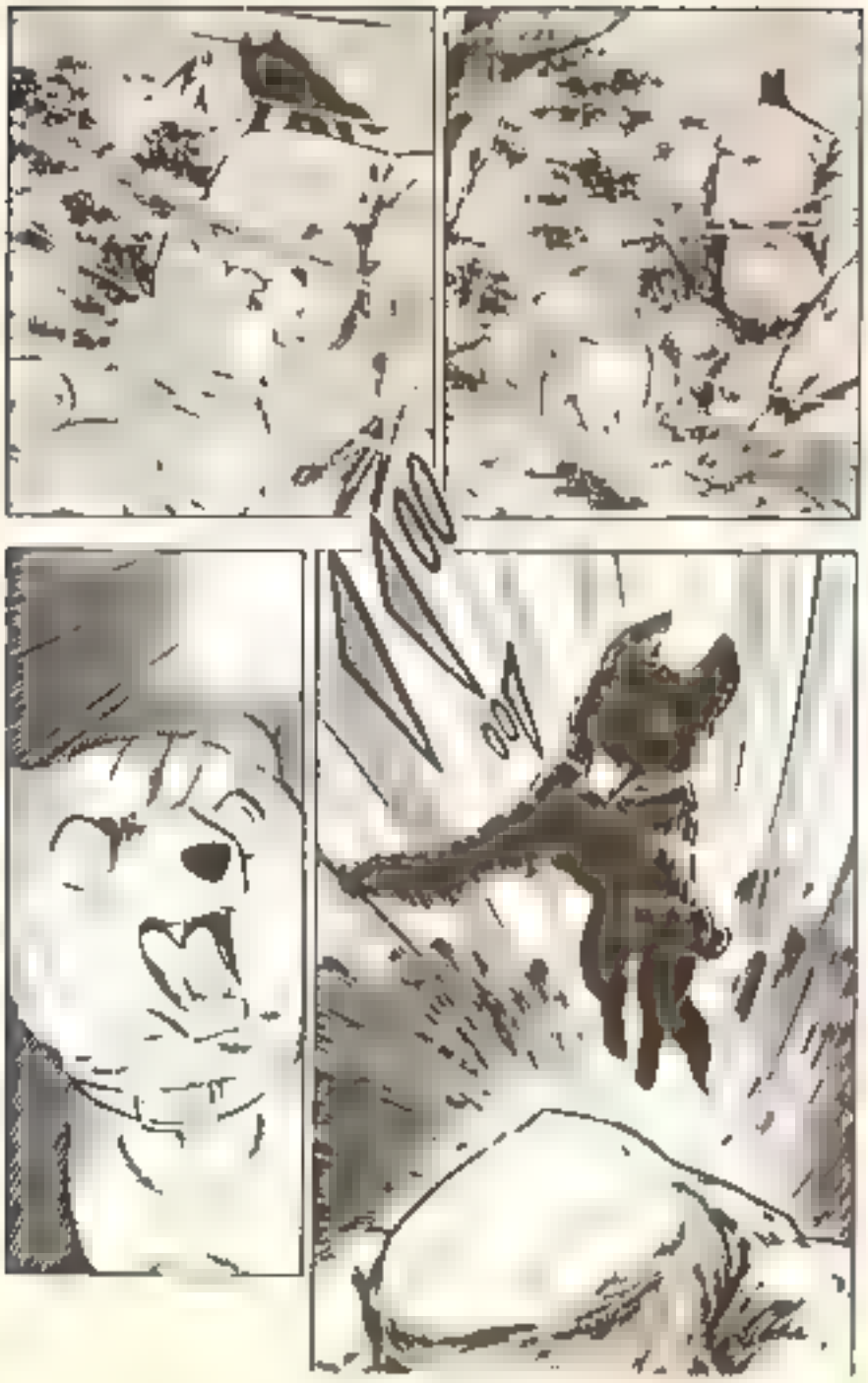
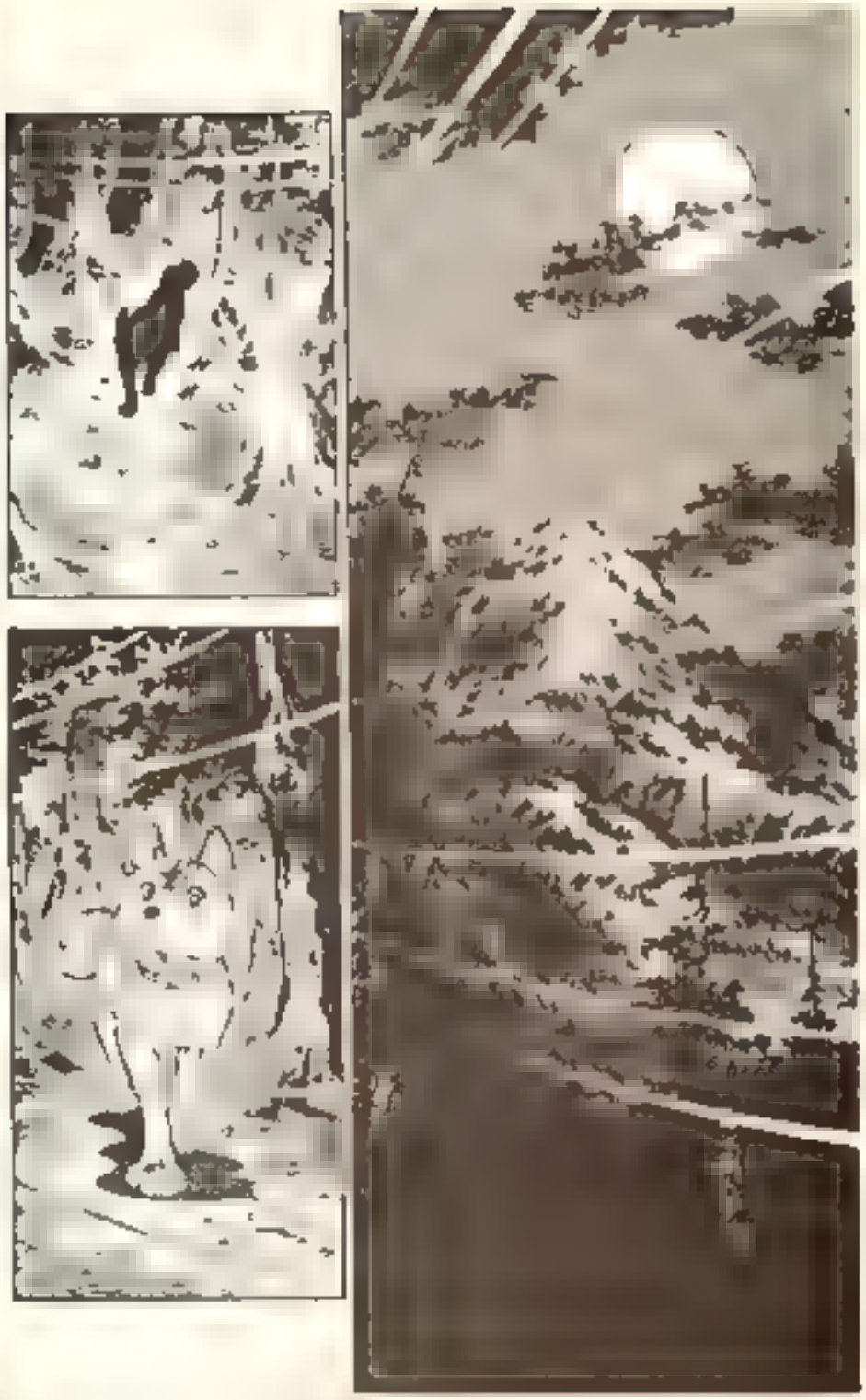
AAH!!
JEEZ!!

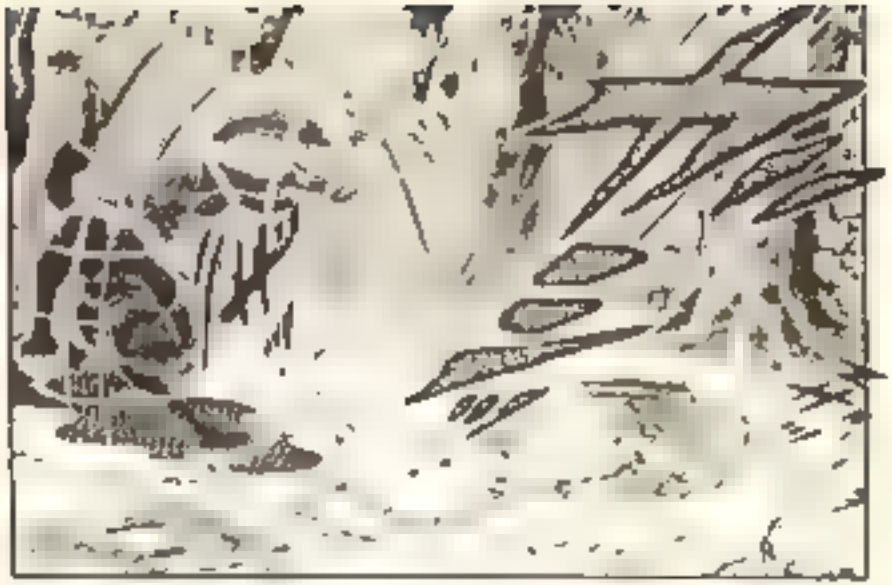




DON'T MAKE A SOUND AND DON'T RUN AWAY LIKE A KID
COME OVER HERE.

FOOL IF I KNEW THEM, WHY WOULD I BE SNEAKING AROUND?
IT'S THEM! JOHN, DO YOU KNOW THEM?

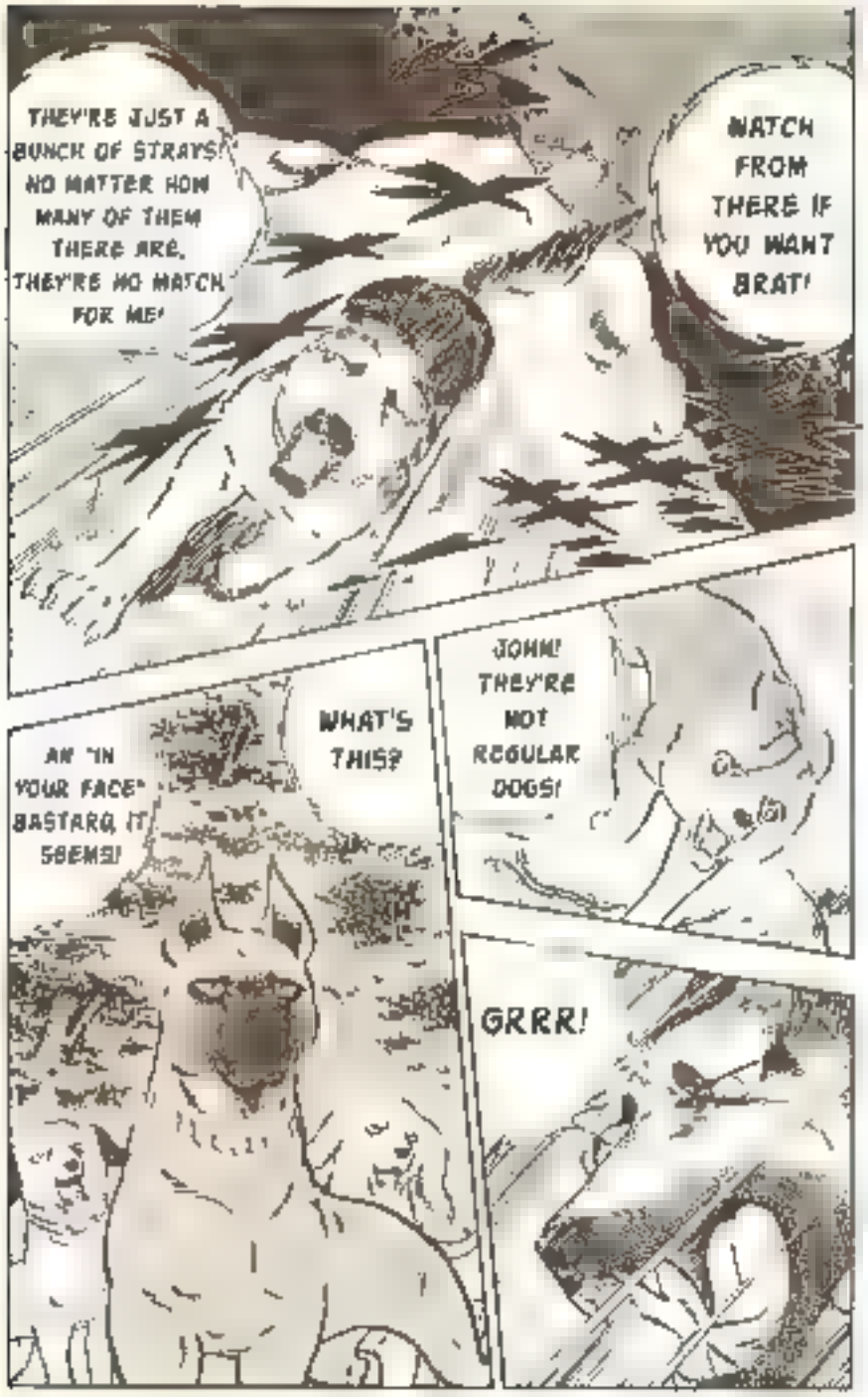
I'M GOING TO EXPOSE WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE
YOU'D BETTER GET READY



JOHN? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

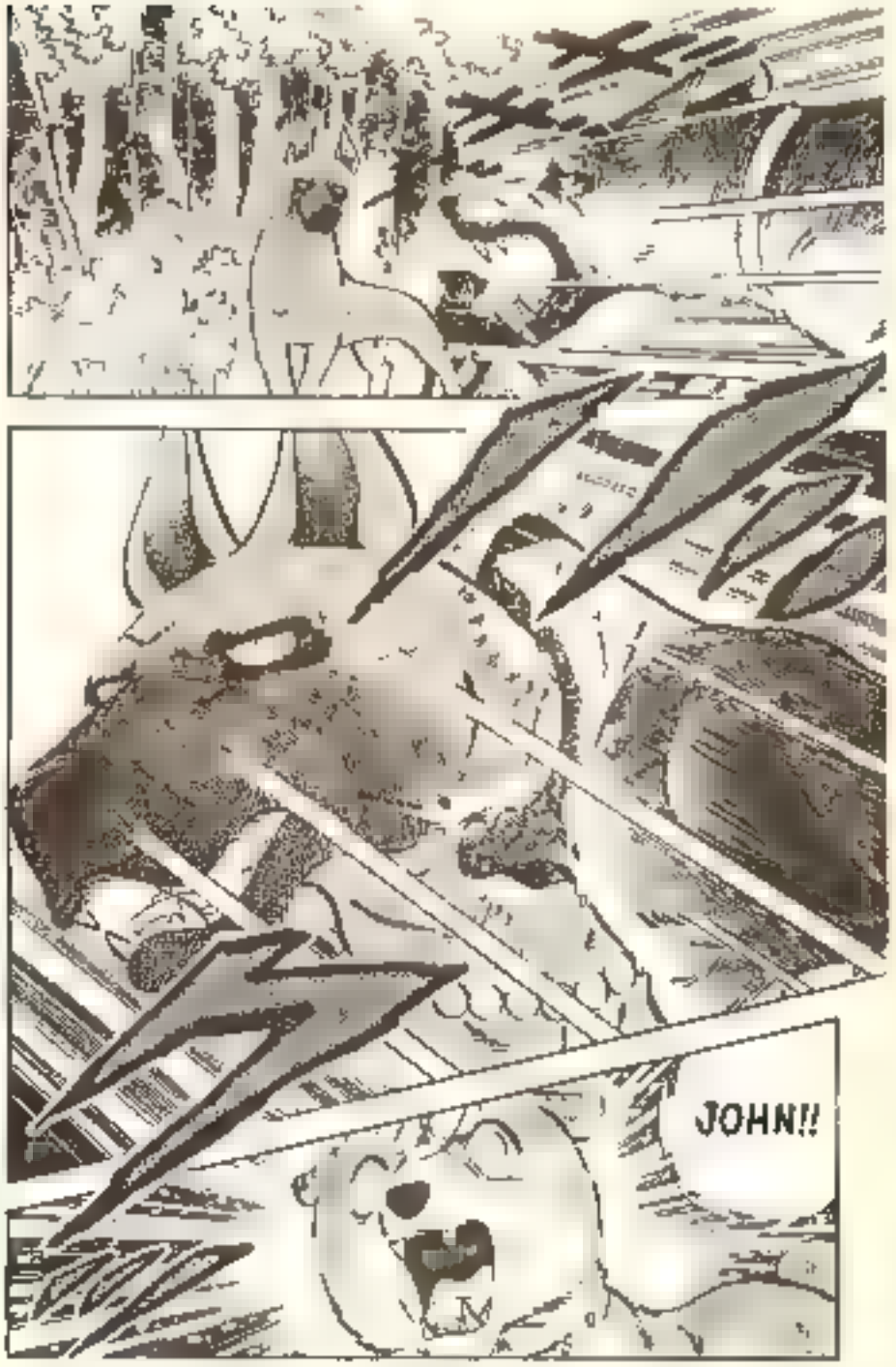
QUICK AS USUAL AREN'T I, GIN?

I COULD ASK YOU
SAME

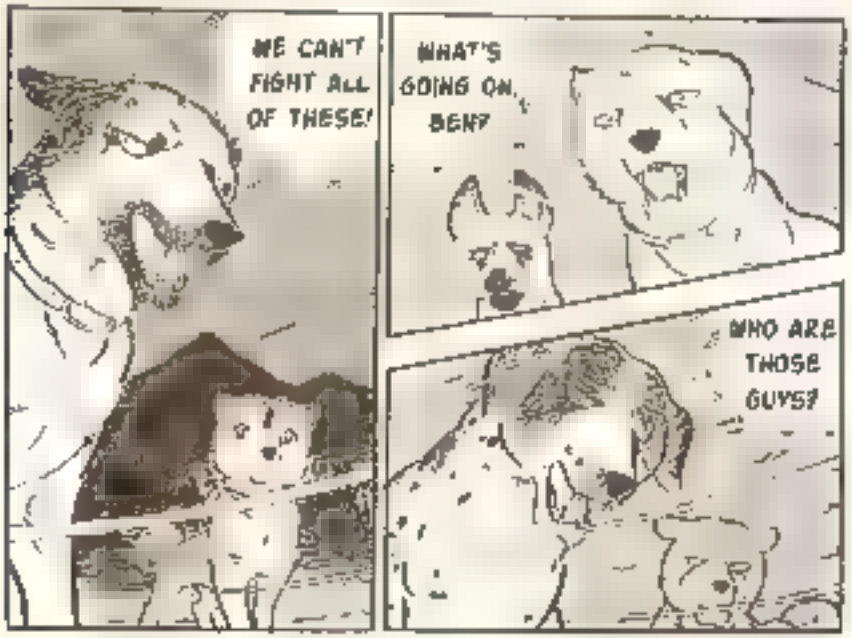

THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF STRAYS! NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE, THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
WATCH FROM THERE IF YOU WANT BRAT!
AN 'IN YOUR FACE' BASTARD, IT SEEMS!
WHAT'S THIS?
JOHN! THEY'RE NOT REGULAR DOGS!
GRRR!

HEHEH... NOTHING TOO BIG. JUST GONNA MAKE THEM TAKE ME TO THEIR BOSS.
WH...WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!
AOO OO!
AOO OO!
DON'T JOHN! THERE ARE MANY OF THEM IN THEIR PACK!

HE THOUGHT HE'D BE A PUSHOVER, BUT HIS OPPONENT DIDN'T BUDGE AN INCH
JOHN SEEMED TO BE FIVE TIMES SMALLER THAN THE PACK LEADER HE WAS ATTACKING A GREAT DANE.
GRR!
GRR!
WHAT?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN WITH THAT?!
RELEASE ME, KID.

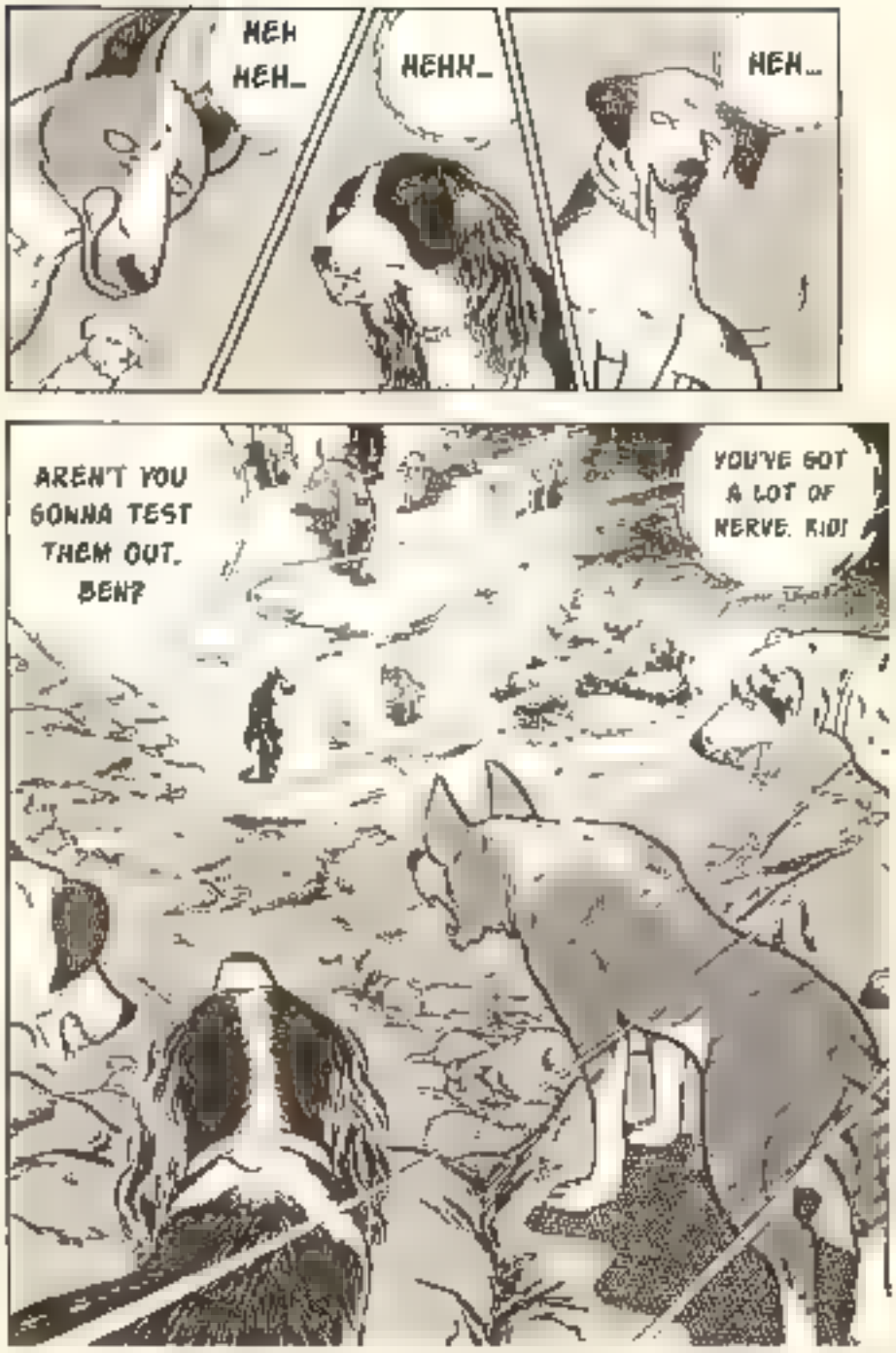

JOHN!!

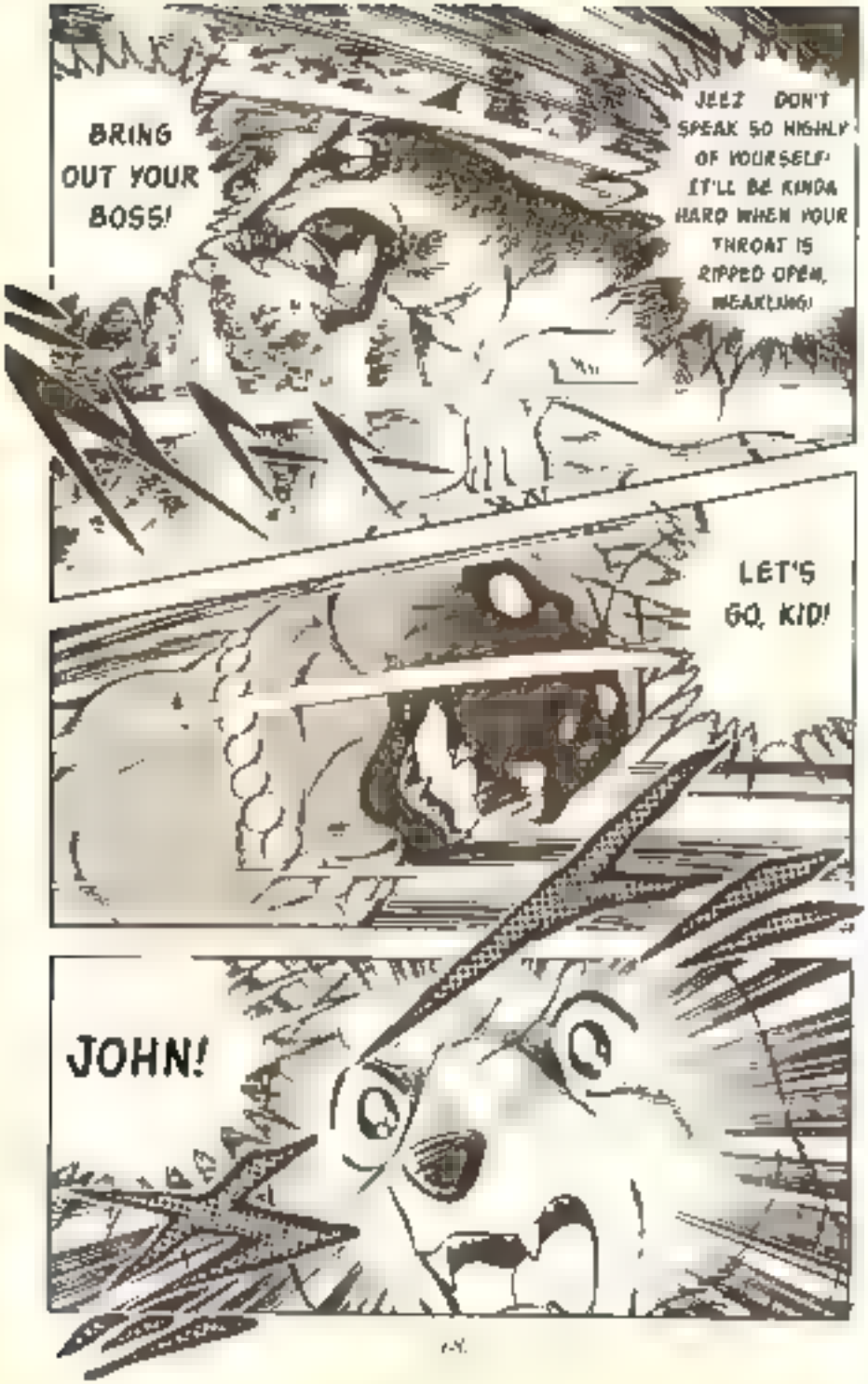
CAN'T YOU DO ANY THINGS YOU WERE A BIT TOO WEAK
YOU'RE A REGULAR TOOL WHO THINKS TOO MUCH OF HIMSELF
JOHN
OR ELSE YOU WON'T GO HOME ALIVE.
YOU'D BETTER SHAPE UP YOUR ATTI- TUDE A BIT
GREAT I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY IT!


WE CAN'T FIGHT ALL OF THESE!
WHAT'S GOING ON, BEN?
WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

!?

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
TEST..?
ONE SECOND IS ALL IT TAKES FOR THEM TO GET IN!
DON'T CONCERN YOURSELVES, YOU LOT! GET BACK TO YOUR POST!
..?!
ALRIGHT LET'S GO, EVERY-ONE..
JEEZ WE WERE ONLY TRYING TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN!


HEH HEH..
HEHH..
HEH..
AREN'T YOU GONNA TEST THEM OUT, BEN?
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE, KID!


BRING OUT YOUR BOSS!
JEEZ DON'T SPEAK SO HIGHLY OF YOURSELF! IT'LL BE KINDA HARD WHEN YOUR THROAT IS RIPPED OPEN, WEAKLING!
LET'S GO, KID!
JOHN!

BUT, ONLY REAL MALES.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR MALES, FOR A MISSION.
DON'T MOCK ME.
DO I LOOK LIKE A GIRL TO YOU? FOOL
MALES ..?
WE UNDER-STAND, BEN
HEH. ALL OF YOU DON'T INTERFERE, I'M MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HIM

!?
WHAT THE HELL?!
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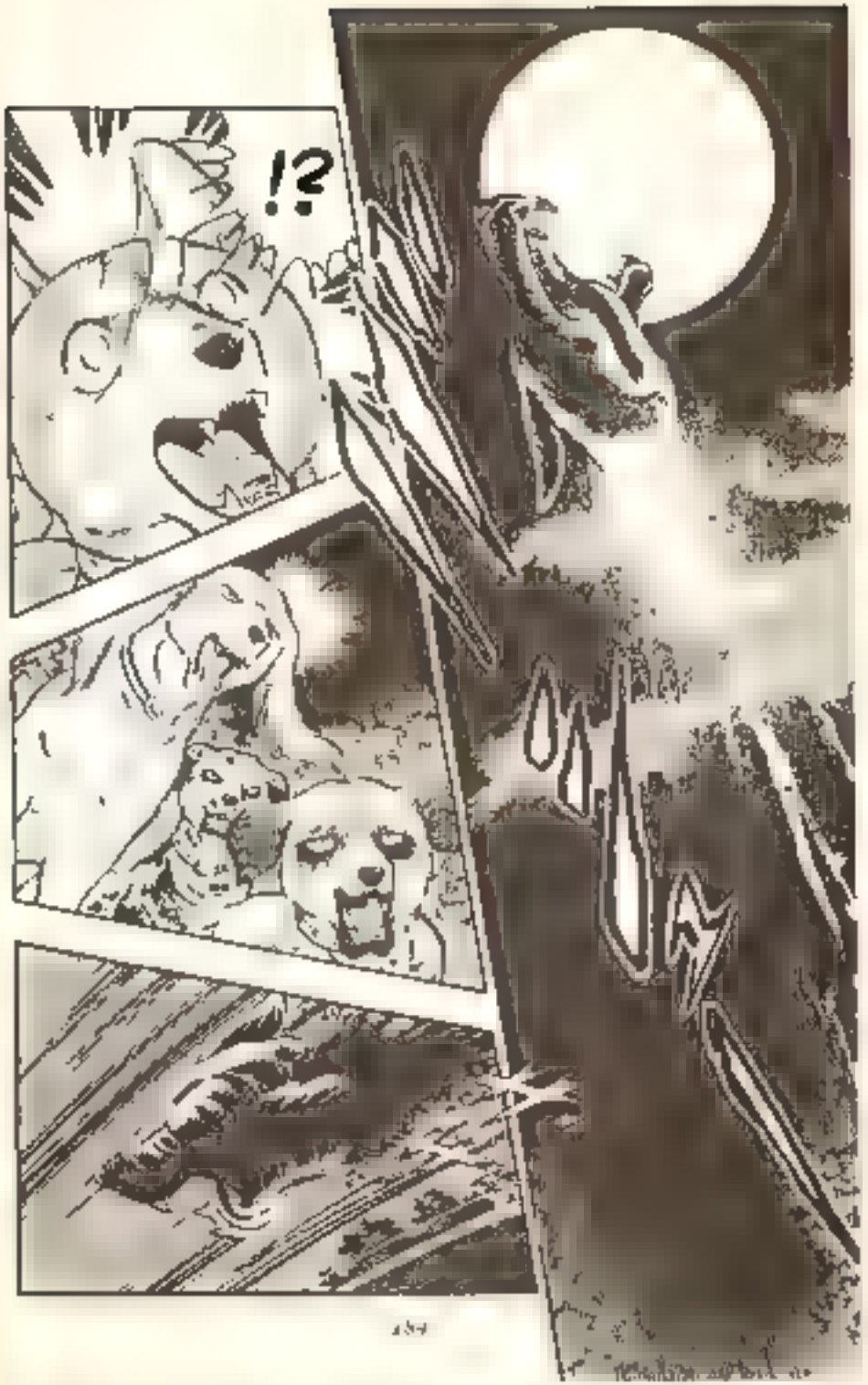
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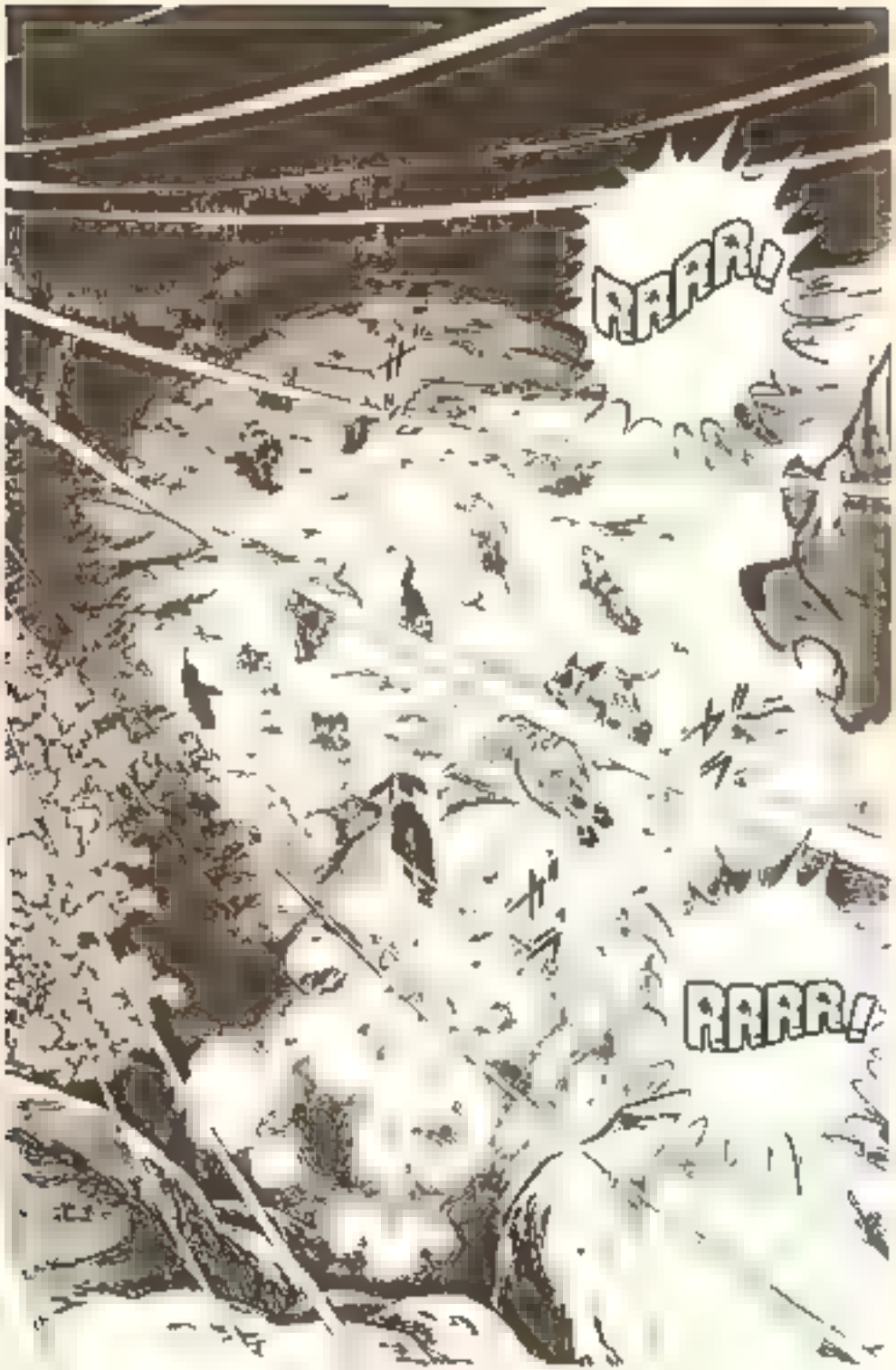
GRR
RR!
DAMMIT_
BASTARD!!

WOOF!
WOOF!
WHAT?!
BASTARD! HE AMBUSHED US!
GOD DAMMIT IT'S MADARA! WHAT SHOULD WE DO, BEN?

GRAR
RRR!

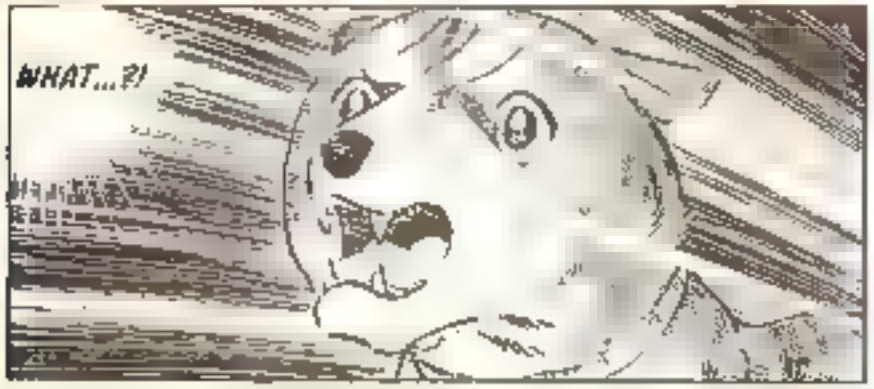
ROAA
RRR!


RAAR!
RAAR!

GRRR

THEY CAN'T EVEN AVENGE A FRIEND? WHAT COWARDS!
MEH. I DON'T THINK SO. THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF COWARDS!
THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT OH, SO THEY OBEY THEIR BOSS.
THEY'RE SO CALM! THESE GUYS DON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY OF THEIR GOAL!

AAH. BASTARD! I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR!
IT'S MADARA... DAMMIT! THIS IS BECAUSE OF BEFORE. DID HE ONLY GET ONE OF US?!
B- BUT BEN, WE CAN'T LET IT GO FOR NOTHING!
CROSS, WAIT- HAVE YOU FOR- GOTTEN THE ORDERS OF THE BOSS?!
NO MORE CASUALTIES! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANY MORE FIGHTERS!
I KNOW. BUT WE HAVE TO WITHDRAW FOR NOW.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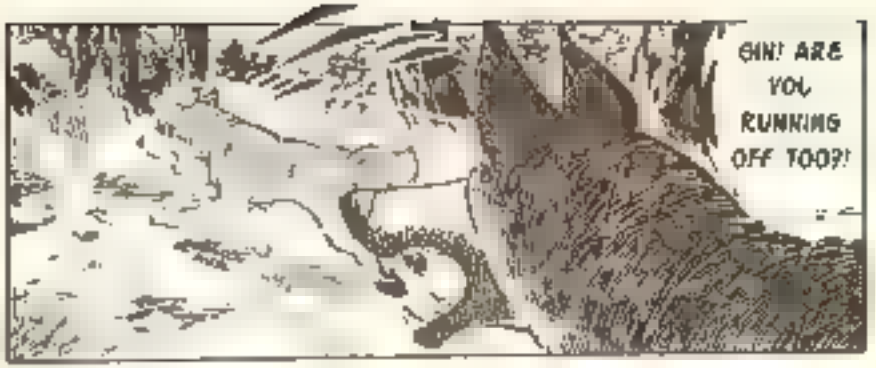
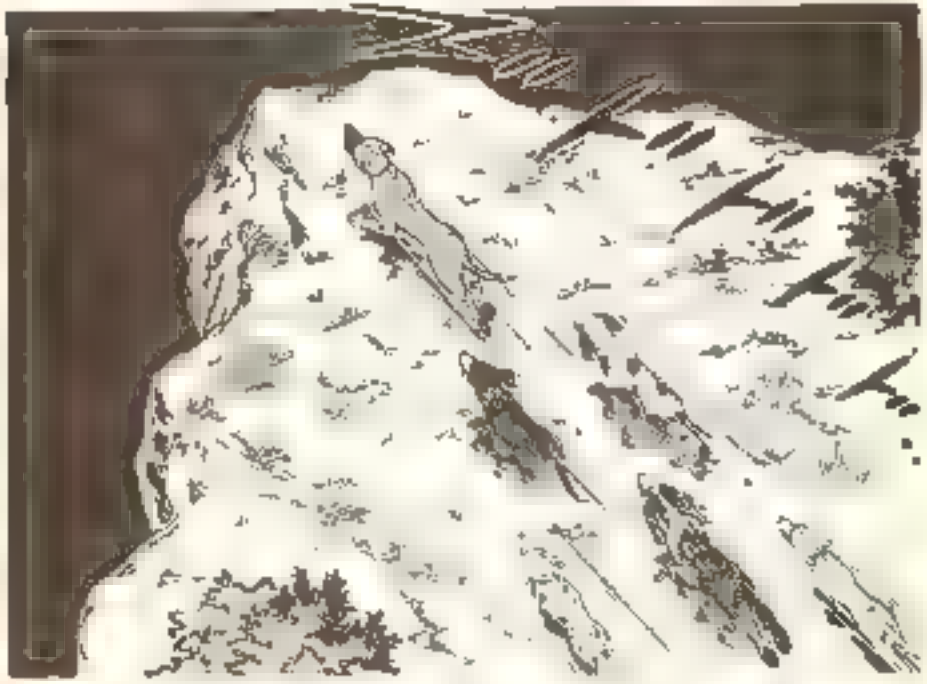
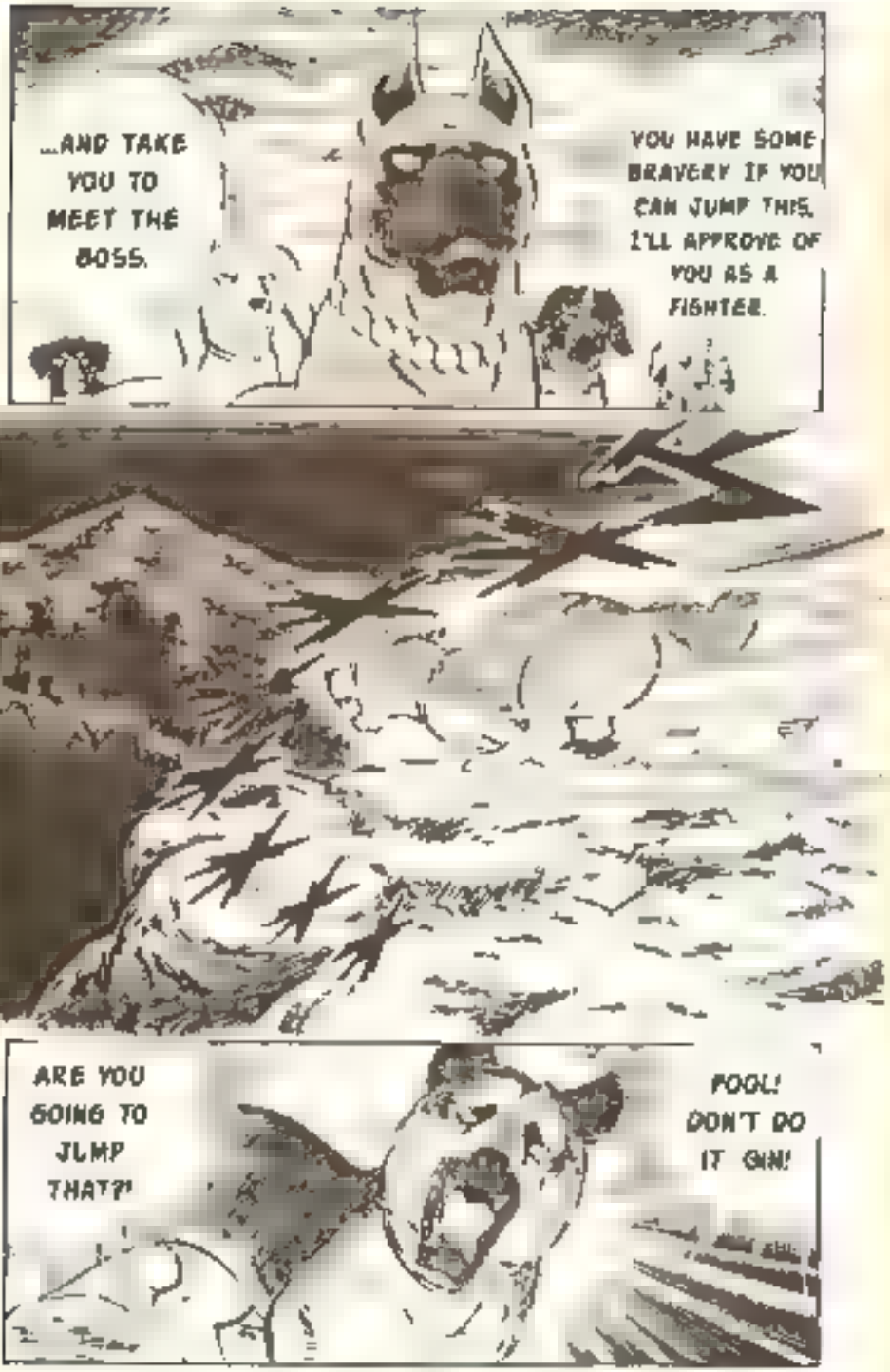

GIN! ARE YOU RUNNING OFF TOO?!

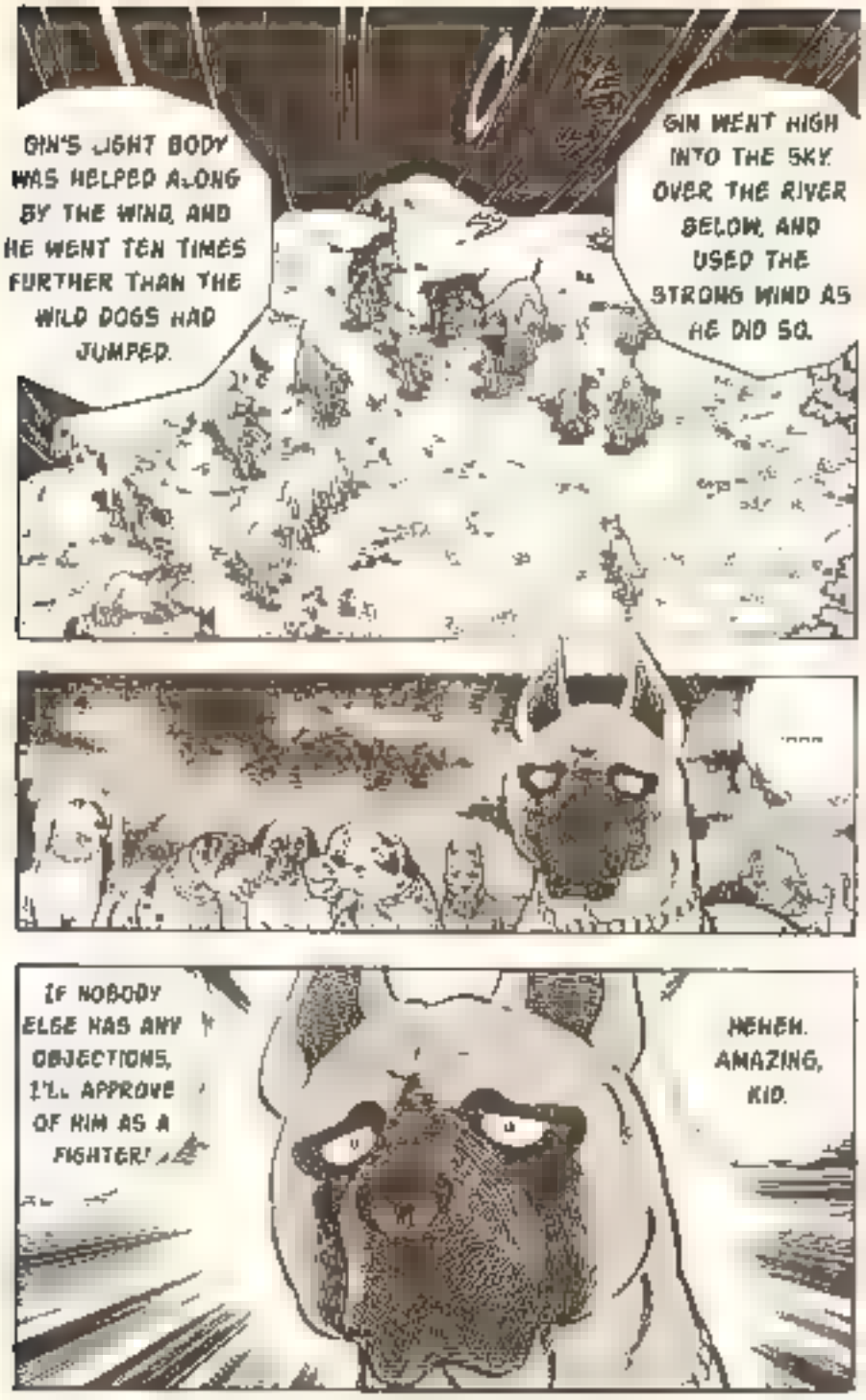
NO! I WANT TO SEE THEIR BOSS!

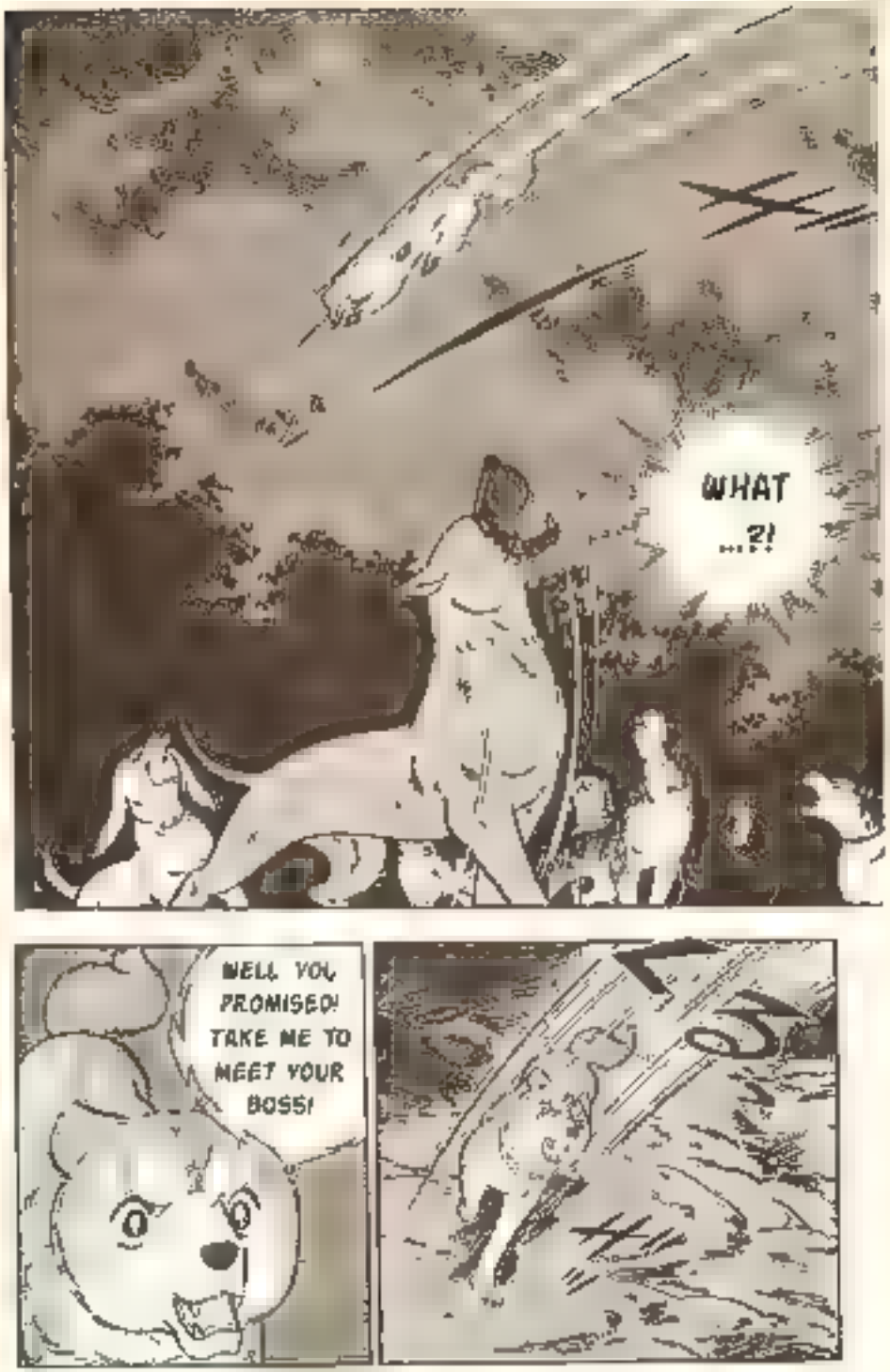


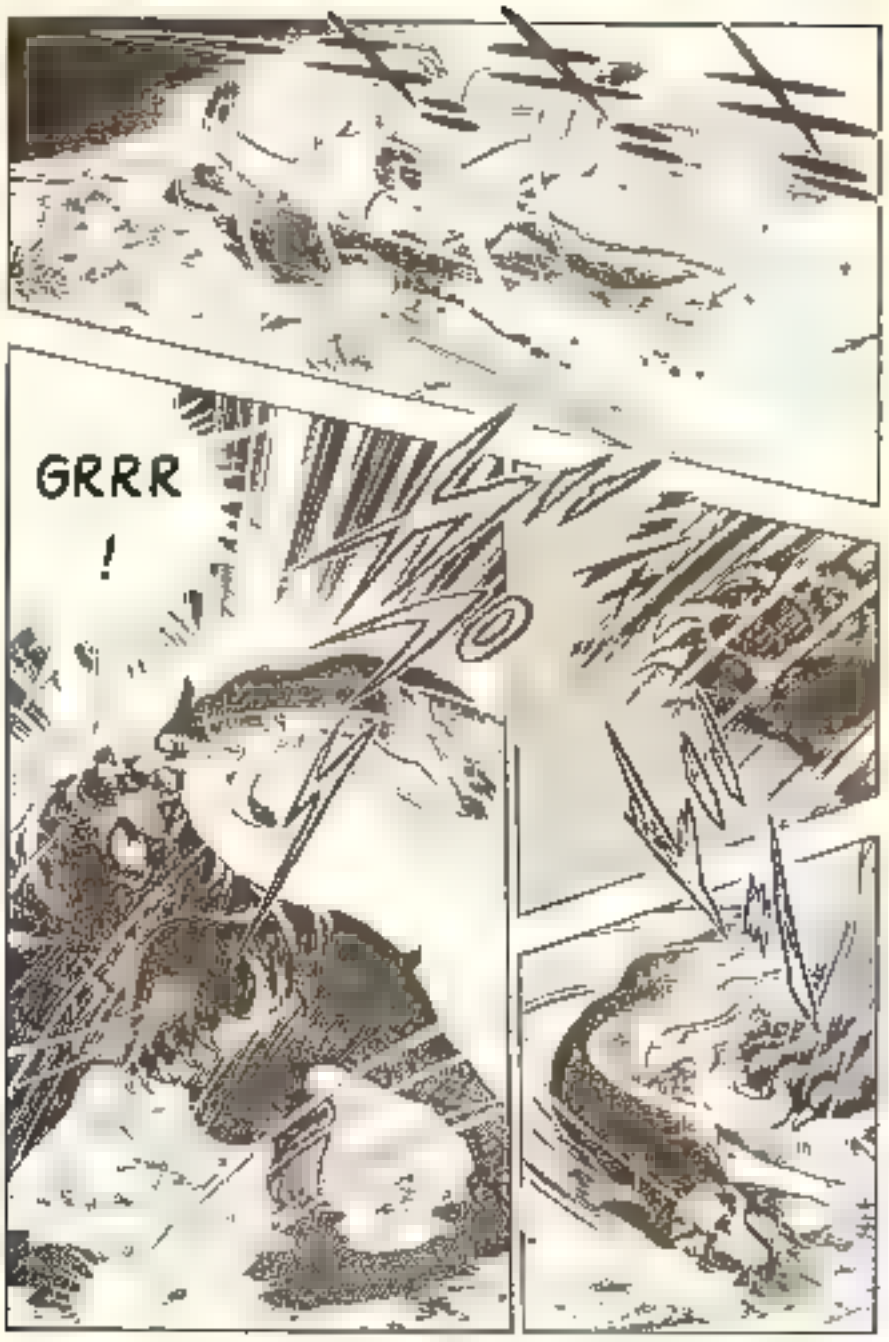

...AND TAKE YOU TO MEET THE BOSS.
YOU HAVE SOME BRAVERY IF YOU CAN JUMP THIS. I'LL APPROVE OF YOU AS A FIGHTER.
ARE YOU GOING TO JUMP THAT?!
FOOL! DON'T DO IT GIN!

WHAT?
BEN. THEY'RE FOLLOWING US!

AAAAH
!
UAAAH!
THAT FOOL! HE JUMPED SO HIGH!
AAH!


GIN'S LIGHT BODY WAS HELPED ALONG BY THE WIND, AND HE WENT TEN TIMES FURTHER THAN THE WILD DOGS HAD JUMPED.
GIN WENT HIGH INTO THE SKY OVER THE RIVER BELOW, AND USED THE STRONG WIND AS HE DID SO.
...
IF NOBODY ELSE HAS ANY OBJECTIONS, I'LL APPROVE OF HIM AS A FIGHTER!
HEHEH. AMAZING, KID.


WHAT ...?!
WELL YOU PROMISED! TAKE ME TO MEET YOUR BOSS!


GRRR
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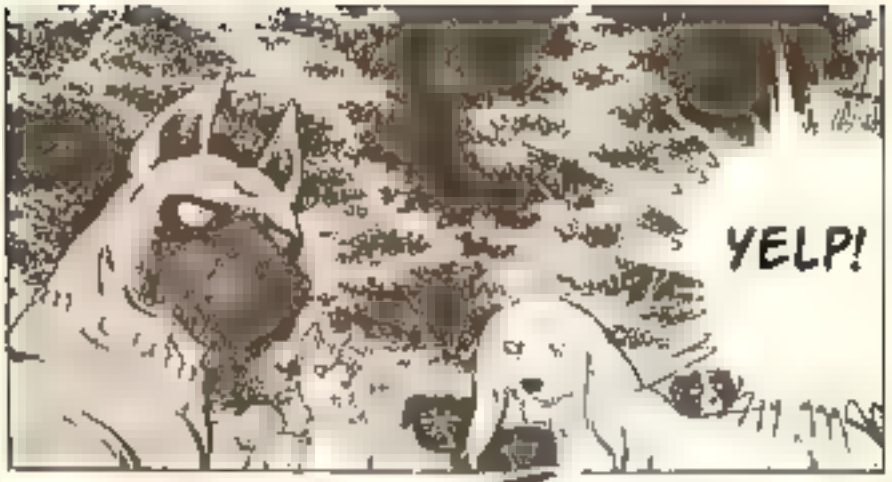
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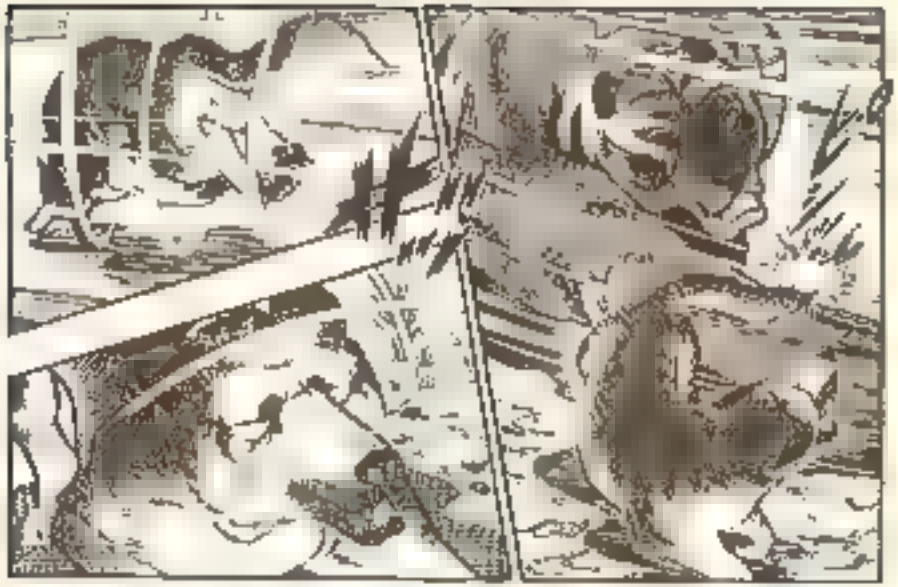
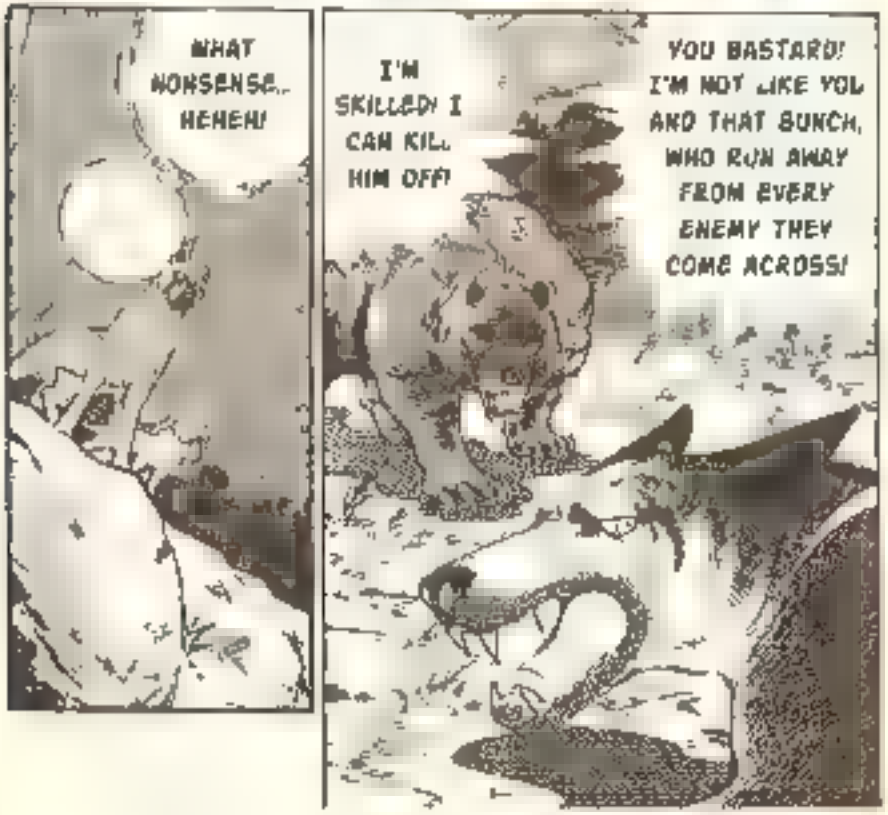
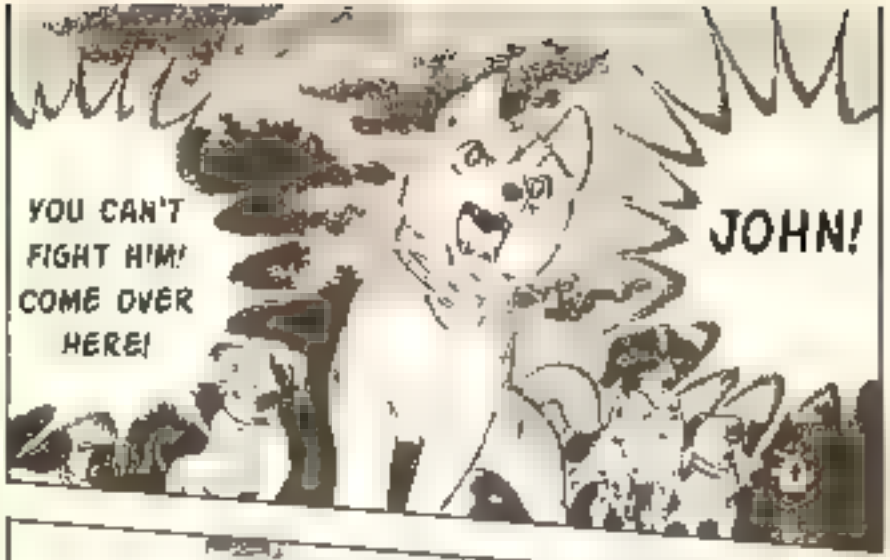
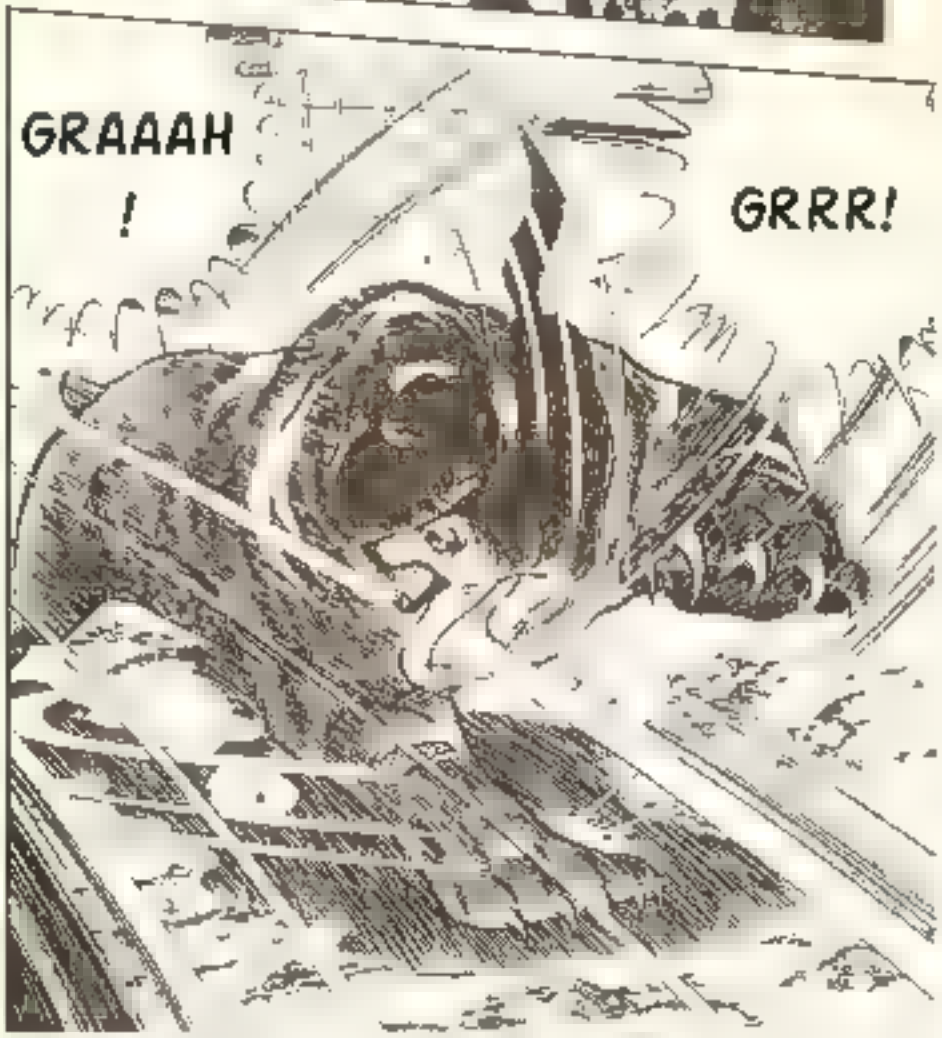



WHAT NONSENSE.. HEHEH!
I'M SKILLED! I CAN KILL HIM OFF!
YOU BASTARD! I'M NOT LIKE YOU AND THAT BUNCH, WHO RUN AWAY FROM EVERY ENEMY THEY COME ACROSS!

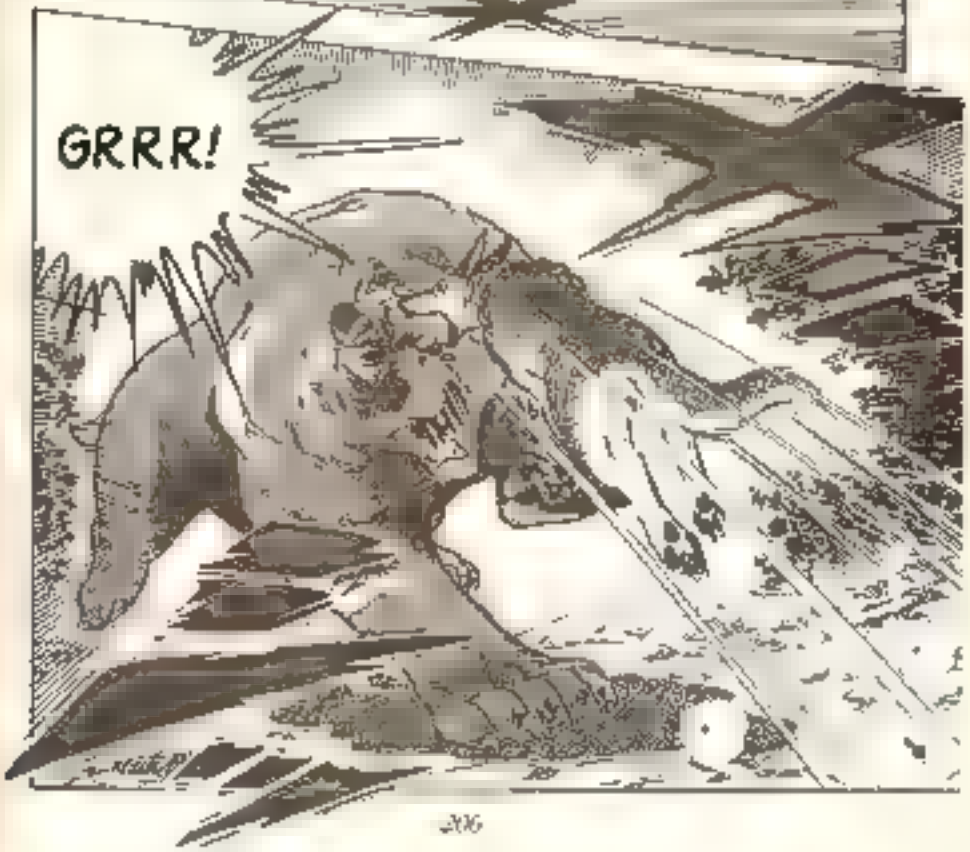

YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM! COME OVER HERE!
JOHN!


GRAAAH !
GRRR!

GRRR
!
BAAA
UGH!

HEH.
HE'S A
FIGHTER!
WELL, IT'D
BE A SHAME
TO SEE HIM
DIE HERE.
BEN.
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
..?!

HE'S
NOTHING
LIKE THOSE
WILD
ANIMALS IN
AFRICA!
THIS IS
JUST ONE
BEAR!

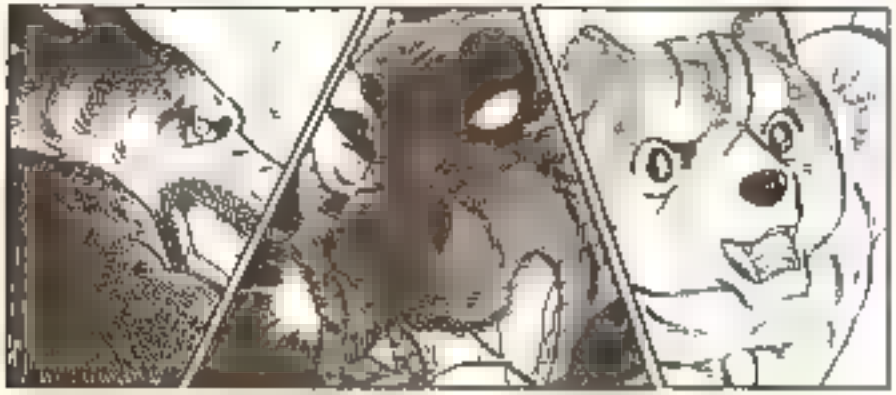

GRRR!

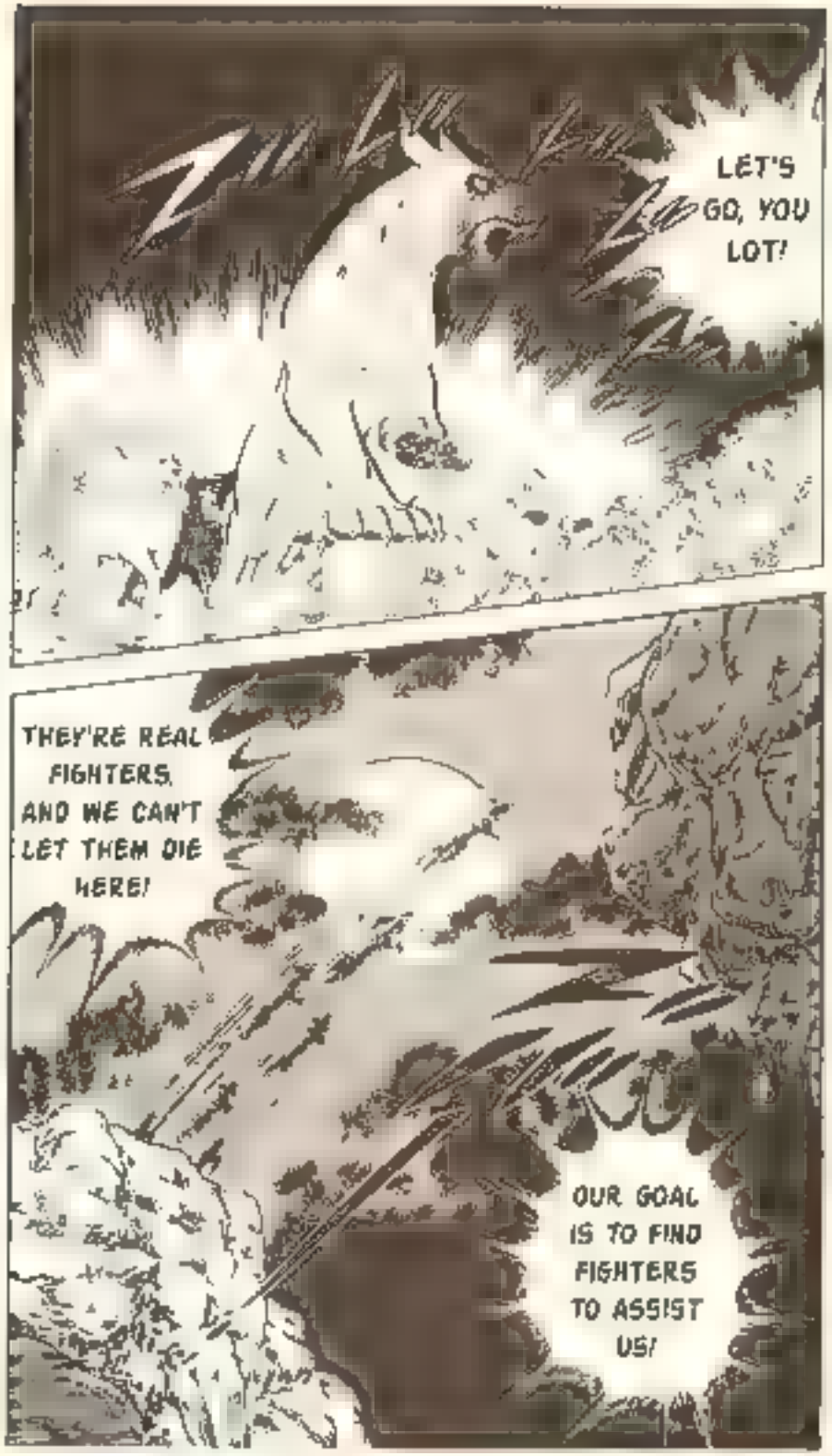
.....
PLEASE REMEMBER YOU PROMISED TO LET ME MEET WITH YOUR BOSS.
MY NAME IS GIN...
YIPE!
GRRR!

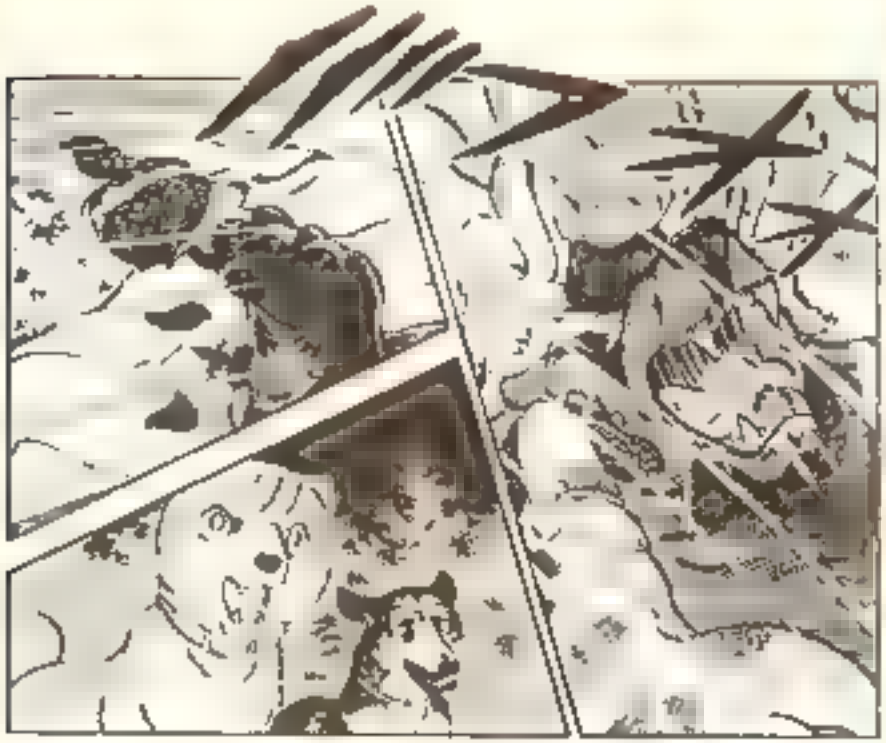
!?

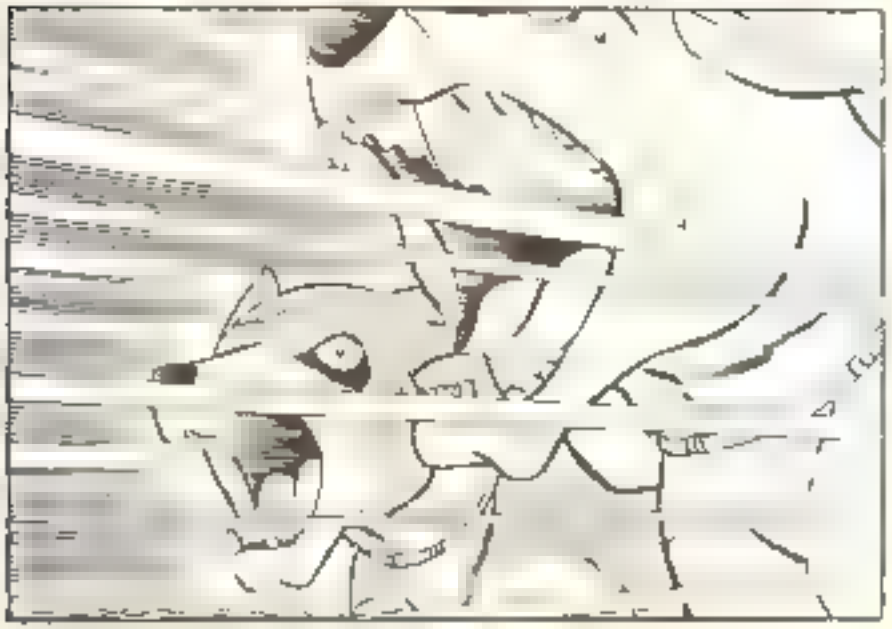
?!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT JOHN?
I KNOW YOU AREN'T THANKFUL FOR MY HELP BUT
I'M GOING TO DO IT!
Y..YES..

GRRRRR!
GRRR!



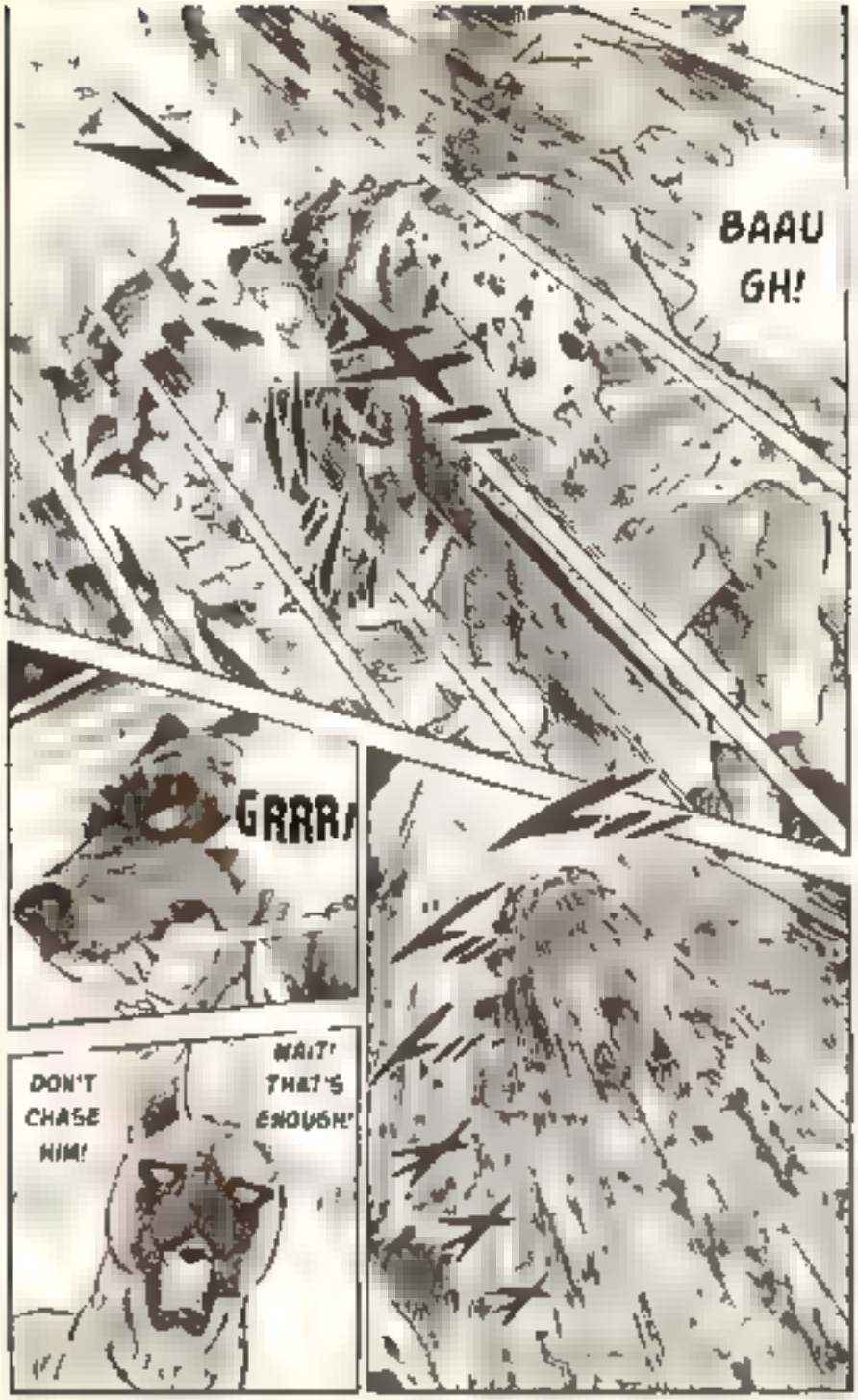

LET'S GO, YOU LOT!
THEY'RE REAL FIGHTERS, AND WE CAN'T LET THEM DIE HERE!
OUR GOAL IS TO FIND FIGHTERS TO ASSIST US!



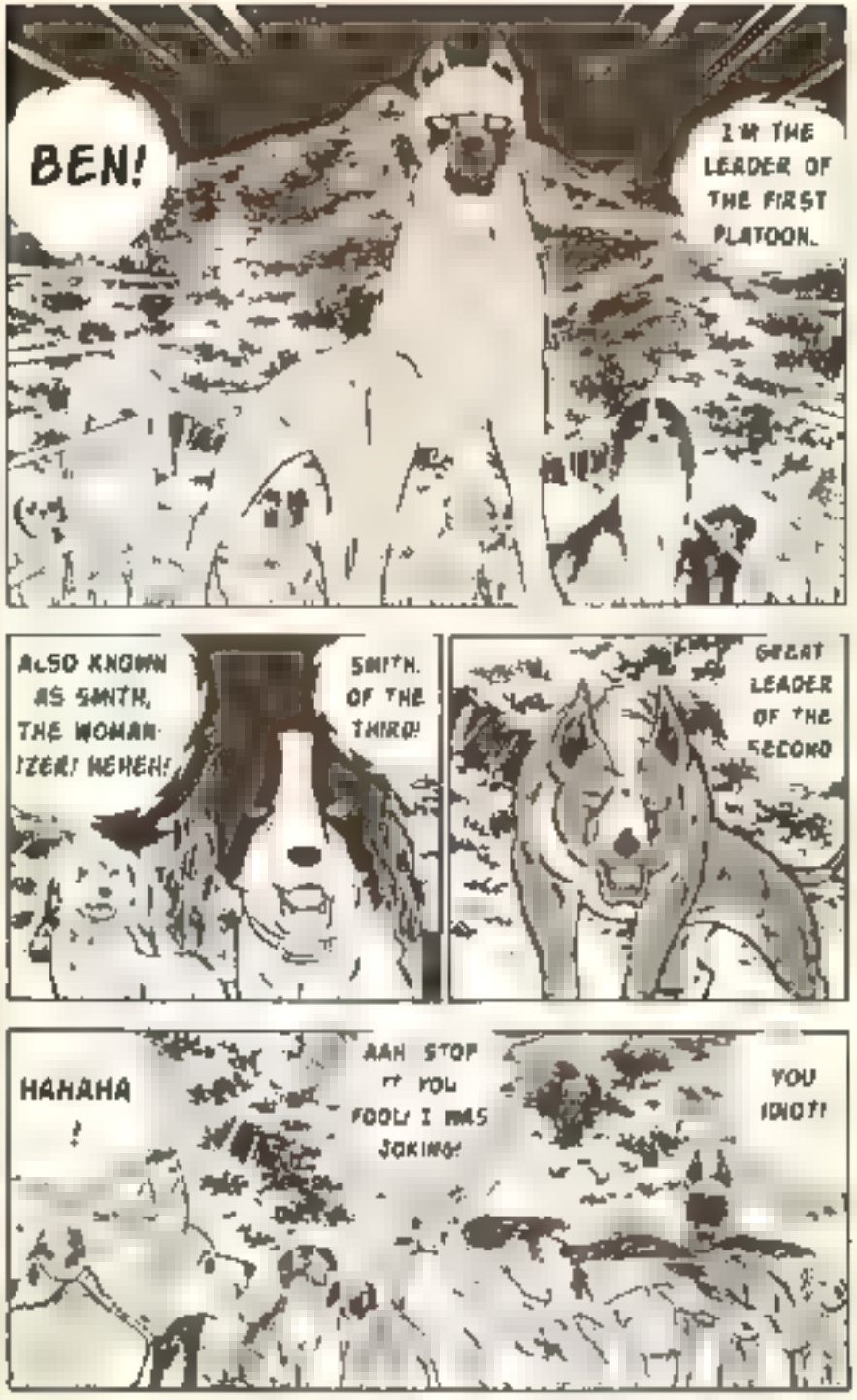


GRR!
KYAA
!

NEH. IT'S JUST A SCRATCH
CAN YOU STAND JOHN?
COM-RADES.
LET'S START THINGS OVER


BAAU GH!
GRRR
DON'T CHASE HIM!
WAIT! THAT'S ENOUGH!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
I'M JOHN.
UM. AND THIS IS.
I M GIN!
RIGHT NOW, ALL OF THEM ARE OUT ON DIFFERENT MISSIONS.
OUR PACK CONSISTS OF 12 PLATOONS.
..YOU CAN MEET THE BOSS!
YOU MAY COME WITH US AS YOU'RE TWO APPROVED FIGHTERS AND AS PROMISED.


BEN!
I'M THE LEADER OF THE FIRST PLATOON.
ALSO KNOWN AS SMITH, THE WOMANIZER! HEHEH!
SMITH. OF THE THIRD!
GREAT LEADER OF THE SECOND
HAHAHA !
AAH STOP IT YOU FOOL! I WAS JOKING!
YOU IDIOT!

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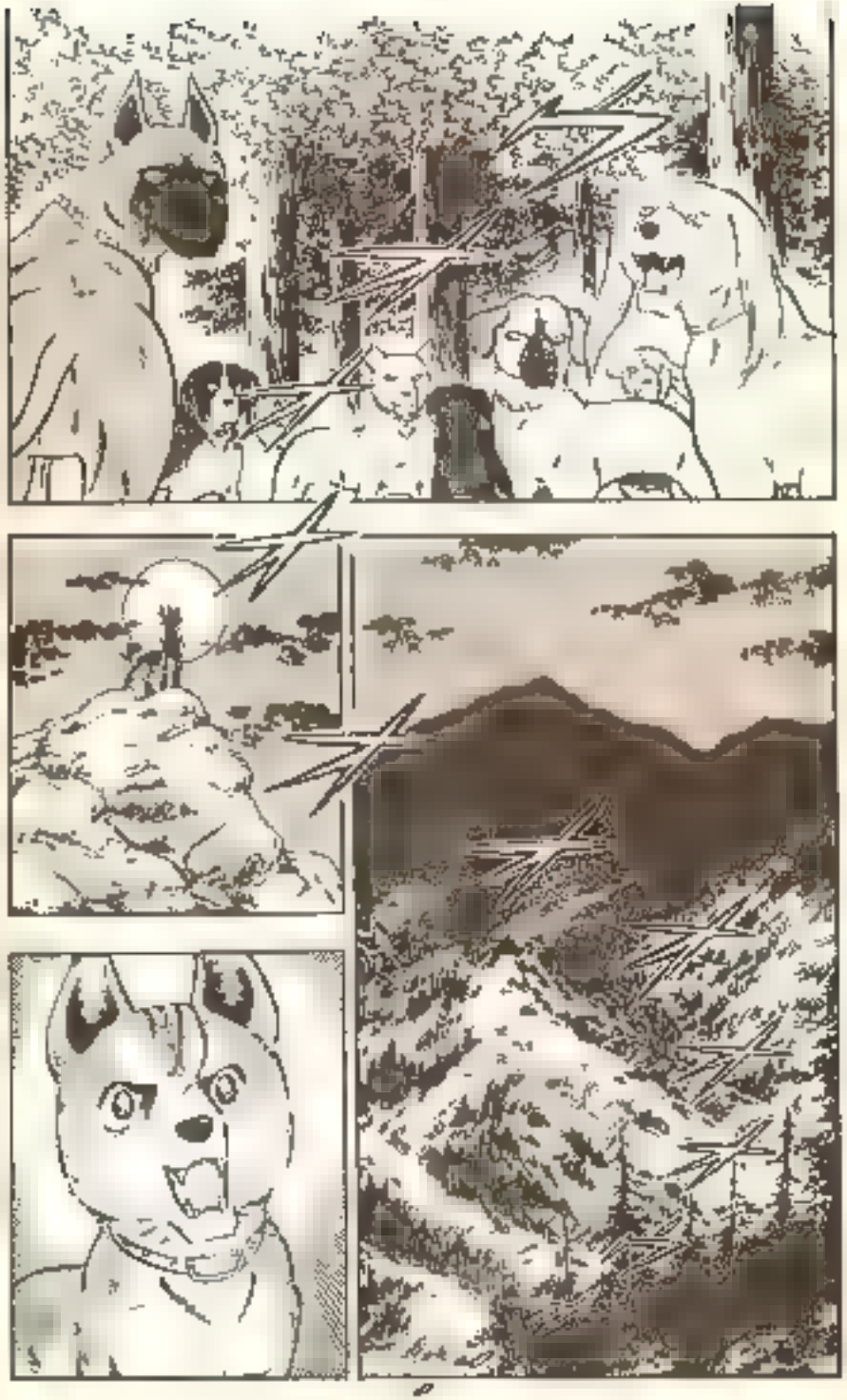

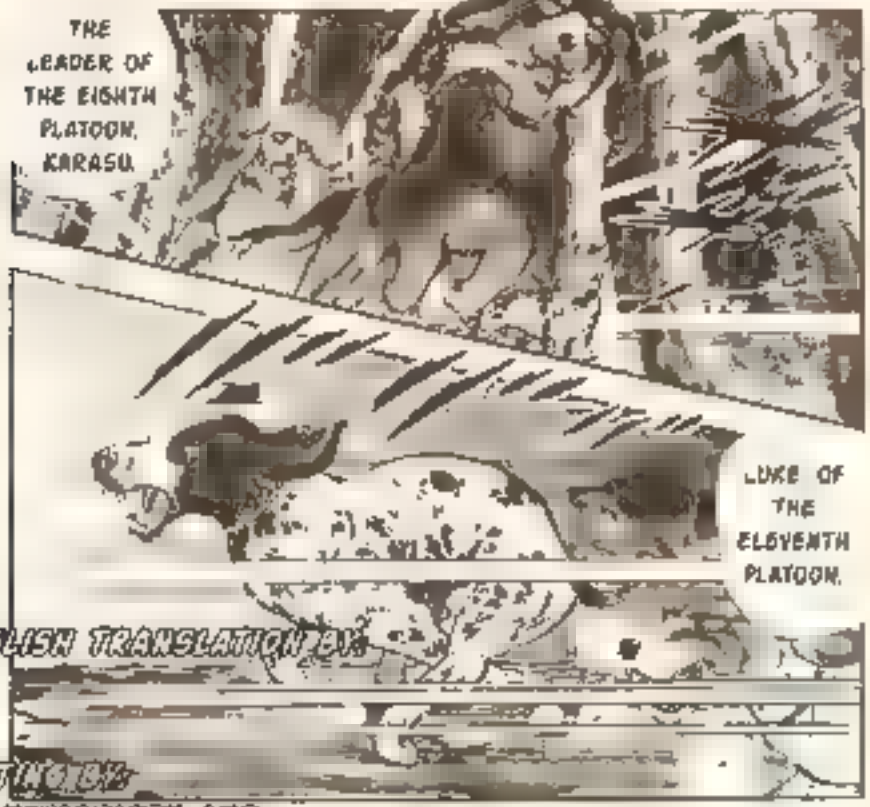

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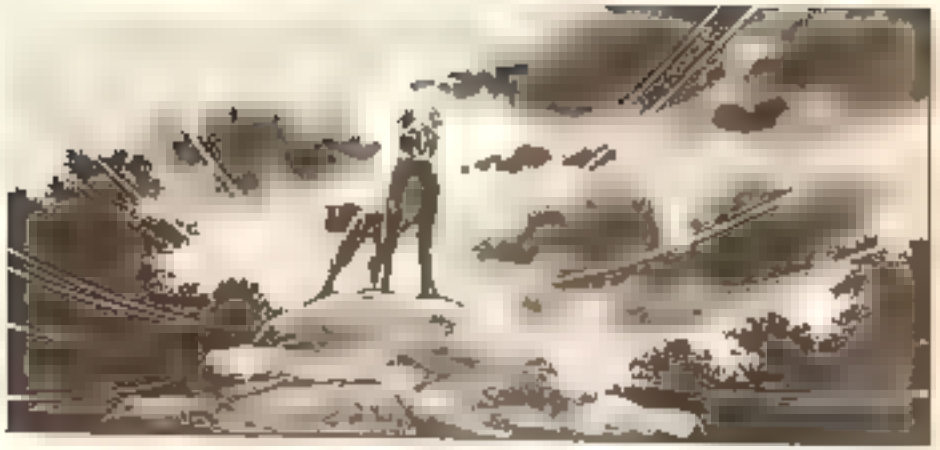

THIS IS BAD... HURRY!
THE OTHER PLATOONS ARE ALREADY THERE, AND WE'RE THE LAST ONES!

BUT I'M GOING TO DEFEAT THEIR BOSS, AND TAKE OVER THIS ENTIRE PACK!
WELL, I'M SORRY

GIN. ARE YOU GONNA STAND TO BE ONE OF THEIR FOLLOWERS?

HE'S STANDING UP THERE, IN THAT AREA... IS HE THE BOSS SECOND IN COMMAND?
WHAT THE...?! THAT DARK GUY SURE IS THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND!
GET THE HELL UP HERE!
BEN, MARK!
NO... IT REALLY IS! THAT BOSS IS.
AAAH... IT CAN'T BE...!
HEHEH... YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU? I'M IN LUCK...
BIN. WHAT'S WRONG?

THAT GUY STANDING AT THE VERY TOP OF THE ROCK?
AH. THAT'S THEIR BOSS?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR LAWS? PLATOON LEADERS, GET UP HERE!
YOU'RE LATE. FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD!

MY
FATHER
!!

WHO BROUGHT THEM HERE?!
WHAT THE HELL? WHO ARE THOSE TWO?!
GIN, WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THEY PROVED THEMSELVES TO BE REAL FIGHTERS. AND I INITIATED THEM.
I DID, GENERAL.
I SAW THEM FIGHTING AS REAL SOLDIERS.
GENERAL, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU THINK...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING INITIATING A KID INTO OUR PACK, BEN?!
AS IF THIS WASN'T INEXCUSABLE ENOUGH ALREADY

WHAT ?!

BEN IS GROWING MORE AND MORE POWERFUL EVERY DAY. I BET THE GENERAL IS WORRIED THAT HE'LL EVENTUALLY REPLACE HIM...
WELL, WELL... HERE THE GENERAL GOES AGAIN...
A PUNY PLATOON COMMANDER LIKE YOU?!
YOU BASTARD! ARE YOU DISAGREEING WITH ME?!
HE SAYS AMUSING THINGS. HE CALLED ME "FATHER"...
AND THAT NEW KID...
BEN ALSO HAS A SAY IN THIS.
SNIPER, THAT'S ENOUGH.
FATHER ...?!
BUT, BOSS...!!

IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYONE ELSE! ALL OF YOU HERE ARE MY CHILDREN, AND MY COMRADES!
I'M GRATEFUL, KID, AND I ACCEPT YOUR LOYALTY TO ME.
TRYING TO FLATTER THE BOSS, ARE WE?
HEH... BAD JOKE, GIN.
I WAS SHOCKED !
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
BUT WHY...? I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FATHER!
I WASN'T TRYING TO FLATTER HIM... HE REALLY IS MY FATHER!

BUT IT'S STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO PULL IT OFF WITH THE AMOUNT WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR.
WE'VE GATHERED EVERYONE IN THE AREA...

THE COUNTRY HAS MANY MORE SOLDIERS!
BUT, THE WORLD IS HUGE!

GATHER FIGHTERS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY!
I'M GIVING YOU MORE THAN THREE MONTHS!

BECAUSE OF AKAKABUTO, WE CAN NO LONGER GET INTO FUTAGO PASS. SO, I'M ASKING FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP...
YOU WERE LATE, AND WE HAVE NEWCOMERS WITH US, SO I'LL REPEAT MYSELF.

BUT, THE AMOUNT OF FIGHTERS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE SIMPLY ISN'T ENOUGH FOR THE TASK!
IN ORDER TO DESTROY HIS STRONGHOLD, WE NEED ASSEMBLE OUR FIGHTERS...

AKAKABUTO'S STRONGHOLD IS ALREADY TOO SOLID!
ALREADY, WE CAN'T GET ANYWHERE NEAR IT...

AND IN ADDITION, EIGHT OTHER BEARS ARE DEFENDING IT.
MADARA, MOSA AND KESAGAKE...

WE'LL ALL GATHER BACK HERE!
THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, UNDER THE FULL MOON..

NOT ONE OF YOU IS TO BE LATE! THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, THE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST AKAKABUTO WILL BEGIN!
YOU DEPART TOMORROW MORNING!!

YOU'RE GOING SOUTH!
YES!
PLATOONS ONE THROUGH THREE!

YES!
PLATOONS FOUR THROUGH SIX ARE GOING NORTH!

THE REST, GO EAST!
PLATOONS SEVEN THROUGH NINE, GO WEST!

GIN, ARE YOU AWAKE?
YES...
WHERE TO?
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO.
PRETEND TO BE ASLEEP.
SSH! SOME-ONE'S COMING.
I'M NOT GONNA STICK AROUND HERE LONGER THAN NEED BE.
I'M GOING HOME.. THESE GUYS THINK THEY CAN ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL? FOOLS.
JOHN
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